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Refugees from Tripolitania and Cyrenaica

No	Date	To	From	Tel. No.	Subject	Refs.
1	24/6		Comm. aux affaires Etrangères		Repatriation of families to Lybia	
2	3/7	Cairo		177	" " " "	No 1
3	21/7		Liaison Section, A.F.H.Q.		Request from civilians to return to Tripoli	
4	16/7	Cairo	F.O.	1222 Resmin 2254	Jewish refugees from Tripolitania & Cyrenaica	
5	20/7		Cairo	160/sec/43	Return of Fr. subjects etc. domiciled in Tripolitania	No 2, 3
6	23/7	F.O.	Cairo	1722	Jewish refugees from Tripoli & Cyrenaica	No 4
7	24/8		Comm. aux affaires Etrangères		Refugees from Lybia	No 1, 8
8	27/8	Comm. for Foreign affairs			Repatriation of Fr. to Tripolitania & Cyrenaica	5, 6
9	30/7	Cairo		Saving Resmin 1	Restoration of property to refugees from Lybia	5
10	11/8		F.O.	1583	Repatriation of Fr. citizens	2
11	15/8		Cairo	212	Tripolitania frontier closed	6
12	16/8	F.O.		1480	First batch leaving for Tripoli talk with Mr. Peizer	10
13	20/8	Comm. for Foreign affairs			Closure of Tripolitania frontier	1, 8
14	20/8	Cairo		223	Position re Cyrenaica passers to Tripolitania	11
15	18/8		Cairo	216	Swiss Consulate, Tunis issued laissez-	11
16	19/8		Comm. aux affaires Etrangères		Re repatriation of Fr. to Lybia	8
17	20/8		Cairo	219 (1664 Resmin)	Pleasure French informed of closure of Tripolitania frontier	6, 11, 12
18	21/8	Cairo	FA	2634	Repatriation of Fr. Jews	11, 5, 4
19	23/8	Comm. for Foreign affairs			Repatriation of Fr. to Lybia	16, 13, 8
20	24/8	Mr. Macpherson	Mr. Rooker		Issue of laissez-passers by Swiss for Tripolitania	15
21	23/8	Cairo		226	Informed Fr. re closure of Trip. frontier	17
22	23/8	Cairo		225	Asking Hqtrs Tunis to stop Swiss issuing laissez passers	15
23	25/8				Memo by Mr. Makins re meeting at Comm. for Foreign affairs	

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24	26/8	J. Bennett, Cairo	mr. Makins		Arrangements for repatriation of Fr. etc.	
25	29/8		Cairo	226	Fr. propose repatriation of 772	
26	30/8	mr. Rooker	mr. Judd		Swiss laissez-passers to Tripolitania	20
27	1/9	Cairo		237	Swiss Consul not issuing laissez passers.	22
28	1/9	mr Makins	mr Hamilton, Cairo		No wish to encourage Joint Distribution cltee.	24
29	2/9		Tripbase	BMA/T/938	French repatriates	
30	8/9	Tripbase			Reply to No 29	29
31	6/9	[redacted] H.M. Consul Tunis	Comité	6699/A.E.	Repatriation of French refugees from Libya	16
32	11/9			Resmin 44	Repetition of telegram to Tripbase (No. 30)	29, 30
33	16/9.		EEMA	T/984	Repatriation of French refugees to Tripolitania & Cyrenaica.	
34	18/9.	C.F.A.			—do—	
35	22/9.	H.M.C.G Tunis	Le Consul de Suisse Tunis		Tunis Laissez-passers to Tripolitania	26, 27.
36	28/9.				Refugees in Algeria eligible for repatriation Tripolitania & Cyrenaica	
37	27/9.	Cairo		Saw Resmin 15	Tunis Laissez-passers to Tripolitania	
38.	1/10.		Tunis.		Re repatriation of refugees to Tripolitania	
39.	2/10		Comité Francais	8325.	Note re repatriation of French refugees in Libya & acknowledgement of note.	
40	6/10	Comité Francais			Re letter 2/10	
41	13/10		Comité Francais		Re repatriation of French subjects to Cyrenaica	
42	14/10	Comité Francais. (M. Massigli)			" " " " " " "	
43	14/10	Min. of State Cairo.			" " " " " " "	
44	18/10		Cairo	Resmin 278	Repatriation of French subjects to Cyrenaica	
45	19/10	Comm. aux affaires Etrangères	Comm. aux affaires Etrangères		List of French subjects to be repatriated	16
46	20/10		Bema Tripolit	BMAT/ 1234 19	Re arrival of advance party of French Govt at Fronti	29

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No.	Date	From	To	Ref	Subject
47	22/10	N. Mass.gli		Desp 31	Re arrival of refugees at frontier.
48	22/10	Cairo		Desp. 2	Enclosing list of refugees for repatriation
49	21/10		Tunis	51	Accomodation in Tripoli for refugees from Tunis
50	23/10	N. Mass.gli		Desp 34	Information re number of Jews to be repatriated.
51	22/10		Casablanca		Party of Tripolitan Arabs to be repatriated to Tripoli
52	25/10		Tunis		Entry of 772 French (Tunisian) Jews into Tripolitania
53	27/10		Eisenhower	2837	Re return of evacuees to Tripolitania & Cyrenaica
54	28/10	Cairo		Resmin 297	Re French (Tunisian) Jews destined for Tripolitania
55	1/11	A.F.H.Q.			" " " " " "
56	2/11	Casablanca			Re party of Tripolitan Arabs destined for Tripoli
57	30/10			OET 2827/1 (S9)	Re evacuees from Tripolitania & Cyrenaica
58	3/11	F.O.	Cairo	S242	Repatriation of 772 French Jews from French N. Africa
59	9/11		Commre affaires Etrang.		No. of repatriates for Cyrenaica
60	9/11		"		List of refugees in Morocco
61	30/11		Cairo		Re repatriation of French subjects from Algeria
62	-/11	Fargo	Eisenhower	8177	Repatriation of Libyan Arabs
63	3/11		Mid East Commre		" " " "
64	10/11		affaires Etr.		3rd list of refugees in Algeria
65	12/11	Cairo		Desp 3	List of French subjects in Morocco for repatriation to Cyrenaica
66	12/11	Cairo		Desp 4	" " " " in Algeria " " " "
67	13/11	Cairo		334	Refugees in Tunisia for repatriation to Cyrenaica
68	15/11		N.A.F.B.		Re lists submitted by French
69	9/11		Casablanca		Re repatriation of 11 Tripolitanian Arabs.

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No	Date	To	From	Tel No	Subject	Reps
70	18/11		Cairo	327	Repatriation to Cyrenaica - Transport arrangements	
71	19/11	Tripolitania			Repatriation of Tripolitanian Arabs.	
72	19/11	Casablanca			" " " "	
73	21/11	N. Tripoli		Dep 61	Repatriation of French refugees in Algeria	
74	3/11	OPRRO	affaires		Report of trip to Constantine	
75	25.11.43.	-	Etrangères	-	Repatriation of Jewish refugees to Cyrenaica.	
76.	27.11.43.	-	"	-	" " " " " Cyrenaica.	
77	20.11.43.	-	H.Q. British Military admin.	-	French Jewish Nationals formerly resident in to return to Cyrenaica.	
78	29.11.43	Cairo	algiers	-	Enclosing lists of French nationals wishing refugees.	
79.	29/11/43	Ministry of War Transport	Ministry of War Transport	-	Enclosing translation of letter re: shipment of	
80.	22.12.43	-	Cairo G-1.(B)		arrival of 7 Italians at Tripoli.	
81.	7/12/43	-	A.2.	-	" " " "	
82.	11.12.43.	Ministry of War Transport affaires	-	-	Provision of transport for French refugees.	
83.	11/12/43	Etrangères	-	-	Repatriation of French nationals.	
84	8/12/43.	-	H.Q. RMA.	-	" Tripolitanian Arabs.	
85	18/12/43.	Cairo	-	-	Enclosing 5th list of refugees.	
86	18.12.43.	Casablanca	-	-	Repatriation of Tripolitanian Arabs.	

Comm. for Foreign Affairs

Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Forces H.Q.,
5,rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

18th December 1943.

69 —

In your letter 3348 90/1a of November 9th you gave us the particulars of the families of Tripolitanian Arabs who have applied for repatriation to Tripoli. Headquarters, B.M.A.,Tripolitania have pointed out to us that it appears from these particulars that the families originated from Cyrenaica. They presume that it is to their Cyrenaican homes that they now wish to return. We should be grateful if you could confirm.

D.P.Reilly.

A.N.Williamson-Napier, Esq.

Le 32/35/1650
p 6.

IDW.

Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Force H. Q.,
5, rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

M/42/7

No. 9.

16th December 1943.

Sir,

66 With reference to my despatch No. 4 of the 12th November, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the fifth list of refugees in Egypt who have applied for repatriation to Cyrenaica.

2. Copies of this despatch are being sent to H.M. Consul General, Tunis, H.B.M.'s Representative, H.B.M. H.A. Cyrenaica and Civil Affairs Branch G.H.Q. M.E.F.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(for the Minister)

Roger Allen.

The Right Honourable R.G.Casey M.C., C.H.S., M.C.,
Minister of State Resident in the Middle East.

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Headquarters,
B. M. A.,
Tripolitania.

37/D/4

8 December 1943.

Subject:- Return to Tripolitania

Sir,

71- 1. I have the honour to refer to your letter RM/47/7 dated 19 November 43. Would you please confirm that these persons wish to return to Tripolitania since it appears that they are natives of Cyrenaica. If they desire to return to Cyrenaica I shall be pleased to pass this request to the B.M.A. of that Territory on receipt of your instructions.

I have the honour to be,

Draft to Mr. Napier. 86
Jm Adams
Dec. 17th.

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALP/RH

A. L. Pilman Capt.
Lieut-Colonel,
for D.C.C.A.O.

The British Resident Minister,
A. F. HQ.,
5, Rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

Office of the British Representative with the
French Committee of National Liberation,
Algiers.

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R.M./47/7.
No. 87

11th December 1943.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the repatriation to Cyrenaica is approved of the French nationals and protected persons named in the two lists enclosed in your notes Nos. 9152 of the 13th October and 9666 of the 19th October, as soon as transport arrangements can be made.

41, 45.

2. I have also the honour to transmit to you herewith a list of 1,014 French Jewish nationals who were formerly resident in Cyrenaica and whose repatriation is approved in principle. From the information available it appears that these persons were interned and sent to Tripolitania on the outbreak of hostilities with Italy. Their movements thereafter are not known but it seems that the majority were moved from Tripolitania westwards and were subsequently distributed throughout Tripolitania, Tunisia and Algeria.

3. Before any of these persons are sent back to Cyrenaica, I shall be glad to be informed, as long as possible in advance, of the numbers of each party and of their destinations, by districts or towns.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(for the Minister)

Ref. 77

Roger Makins.

His Excellency,
H. Pare Hasaigli,
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

Copied to H.Q., B.M.A., Tripolitania
H.Q. B.M.A., Cyrenaica.
H.M.C.G. Tunis
Civil Affairs Branch, G.H.Q., M.E.F.

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Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Force H.Q.,
5,rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

82

R.M./47/7

11th December 1943.

79 Your letter of November 29th about the provision of a ship to transport French nationals from Sfax to Tripoli.

The French are very anxious to get rid of these people from Tunisia and we have hitherto done everything within reason to assist them. There is however no direct British interest involved and I do not think you ~~should~~ need strain yourself to provide a ship for this purpose.

It is essential that we should be informed in advance of the names and destinations of all persons sent from Tunisia to Tripoli. We should be grateful if you could try to ensure that this is done, in any arrangements that you may make.

Roger Makins.

J.Gibson Graham Esq.

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47/7/81

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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: DISTONE REF NO: 10718

FOR INFO: MIDEAST
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Evacuation of 7 male Italian civilians from 369 P W Camp to TRIPOLI reported. Please report on whose instructions these civilians were evacuated. Further evacuations to TRIPOLITANIA and CYRENAICA must NOT take place except on instructions this HQ.

Ref 60

ORIGINATOR: G-1 (B) A-2 AUTHENTICATION: M. R. MOORE, MAJOR

INFORMATION: SGS
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CAO
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MR. MAC MILLAN
M & TH
AG RECORDS

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G-2

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ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST FROM CIVAFFAIRS

TO : FREEDOM RPTD FILPOT FOR AMG

REF.NO. THIS MSG: CET/12861, 02 Dec 43

1. 7 male Italian civilians formerly resident in TRIPOLITANIA have arrived TRIPOLI by air from SYRACUSE under movement orders from 369 POW camp.

2. Please ensure that no Italians are returned to TRIPOLITANIA or CYRENAICA where they cannot be absorbed.

63 = 53 = 3. In this connection see my telegram No. CET/30686 of 3 November replying your 2837 FHMGS of 26 October.

4. Ack.

See 81

NOTE: CET/30686 MC IN 3732 6/11/43 (MGS).
2837 MC OUT 8132 27/10/43 (MGS).

JNIA
17/12

ACTION: MGS

INFO: SGS CAO
G-2 MR MURPHY
G-3 MR MACMILLAN
G-4 M & M

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MC IN 2561 5 Dec 43 0200A Ref No. CET/12861 ra/R

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NORTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE,
MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT,
127, RUE MICHELET,
ALGIERS.

29th November, 1943.

Dear Roger,

I attach a translation of a letter I received today.

Have you any views on the subject?

Yours sincerely,

Draft reply - 82
JM Adams
10th Dec.

Roger Makins Esq.,
Resident Minister's Office.

TRANSLATION.

M.D. Algiers, 27 November 1943.

The Deputy for the Director of the Marine Marchande
et Transports Maritimes.

to

The Ministry of War Transport Representative

ALGIERS.

re: Transport from SFAX to TRIPOLI of French Subjects and Subjects of French protectorates.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Ambassador of France, Commissary for Foreign Affairs, has advised me of the urgent need that exists for the return to Libya of a thousand French or of French protectorate subjects taking refuge in Tunisia.

It is a question of persons expelled by the Italian Authorities whose return to Tripoli is considered highly desirable. Unfortunately, we do not possess a vessel adequate for this transport and I would ask you if it is not possible to arrange this operation with a vessel of the type "MARIGOT", chartered by the Ministry of War Transport. It is of course understood that the expenses in connection with this transport would be covered by the Direction de la Marine Marchande.

Please be good enough to let me know at your earliest convenience, what information you may have concerning the possibility of giving satisfaction to the request of the Ambassador of France, Commissary for Foreign Affairs.

Yours etc.,

Mediterranean 47/7

~~NORTH AFRICAN~~ REPRESENTATIVE,
MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT,
127, RUE MICHELET.
ALGIERS.

29th. November '43.

To: The British Resident Minister,

With the Compliments of

Th. J. Gibson Graham,
M.W.T.R. Med.

TRANSLATION.

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Sent to Resident Minister for

Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Force H.Q.,
5,Rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

18.

R.M./47/7

No. 8.

29th November 1943.

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Sir,

6- With reference to the third paragraph of your telegram No. 1722 of the 24th July to the Foreign Office, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for communication to the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Cyrenaica, lists of French subjects and protected persons at present in Tunisia who wish to return to their homes in Cyrenaica.

2. Attached to these lists, which have been compiled by the French authorities, are "fiches de depart" giving the age, profession and address of each head of family, the names and ages of the persons accompanying him, and the number of the "fiches d'entree" given to each refugee at the time of his arrival in the Residency.

3. I shall be glad to learn whether the return of these persons to Cyrenaica is authorised.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(for the Minister)

Le 32/35/1680
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Roger Makins.

The Right Honourable R.G.Casey,P.C.,D.S.O.,M.C.,
Minister of State Resident in the Middle East.

Ref. : 37/D/5

Headquarters
British Military Administration,
CYRENAICA.M.E.F.

20 Nov '43.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the two letters from the office of the British Representative to the French Committee of National Liberation, Algiers to the Minister of State, Cairo, references RM/47/7 No.1 of 14 Oct 43 and RM/47/7 No.2 of 22 Oct 43 and to say that this Administration is prepared to accept the return of all those persons named in the lists attached to these letters, as soon as transport arrangements can be made.

2. Records are available here of the names of 1014 French Jewish Nationals who are understood to have been formerly resident in this territory. All these persons may be repatriated to this territory, but prior to despatch it is essential that this Administration be advised of :

a) the numbers wishing to return
b) destinations, by districts or towns.

Accommodation in Cyrenaica is limited and great difficulty may be experienced in arranging for their re-settlement.

3. From information in the possession of D.S.O.Cyrenaica, it would appear that all 1014 French Jewish Nationals were interned and sent to Tripolitania on the outbreak of hostilities. Their movements thereafter are not known, but it would seem that the majority were moved from Tripolitania westwards and distributed throughout Tripolitania, Tunisia and Algeria.

4. A full nominal roll of these French Nationals who were formerly resident in Cyrenaica is now enclosed and it will be appreciated if you will forward to this H.Q., after enquiry, the information requested in para 2 of this letter.

5. It is particularly requested that no despatches be made without prior notification to this H.Q. except in the case of those persons enumerated in the lists referred to in para 1 of this letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(G.D. Pitcairn)
Lt.Col.,
CHIEF SECRETARY.

To : Resident Minister,
Algiers.

IMA.

P.T.O.

Copies to : H.B.M.Consul General,Tunis.)Enclosing full nominal
)roll, for favour of
H.Q., B.M.A., Tripolitania.)action ref.para 4.

Civil Affairs Branch,)Ref.your signal OET/36303
G.H.Q., M.E.F.)of 17 Nov '43.

COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
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Commissariat aux Affaires Etrangères

Direction Politique
Afrique - Asie - Océanie

N° 11418./117.

A RAPPELER

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

MP/TP.

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ALGER, LE 27 NOV 1943 194

Se référant à sa correspondance antérieure et en dernier lieu à sa note nº I087I du IO Novembre, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de faire parvenir, sous ce pli, à M. MACMILLAN la cinquième liste des sujets et protégés français, réfugiés en Algérie, qui sollicitent l'autorisation de rejoindre leurs foyers en Cyrénaïque.

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Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait obligé à Monsieur MACMILLAN de lui faire savoir si les Autorités britanniques donnent leur assentiment au rapatriement des personnes dont il s'agit./.

I'm afraid this got overlooked when the other pp. were being dealt with.
Draft to Mr. Casey. — 785
JM Adams
Dec 17th.
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Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN, M.P.

Représentant du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté
Britannique auprès du Comité Français de la
Libération Nationale
5, Rue du Professeur Curtillet, 5

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NOTA. — Prière de rappeler, dans la réponse, la date et le numéro de la présente ainsi que le numéro du bureau.

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Le Gouverneur Général de l'Algérie

à Monsieur

GOUVERNEMENT GENERAL
DE L'ALGERIE

DIRECTION DE LA SECURITE
GENERALE

LISTE Nº 5 des réfugiés repliés en Algérie qui sollicitent leur retour en CYRENAIQUE, où ils étaient précédemment domiciliés

Noms	Prénoms	Date et lieu de naissance	Profession	Nombre d'enfants qui l'accompagnent	Domicile qu'il désire regagner	Commune d'accueil en Algérie	Observations	Numéro d'ordre
HENIA	Bent Mohammed	I926 Benghazi	sans		FOUCTHAT, prés Benghazi	Ben-Amar, près La Calle		555
MOHAMMED	Ben Ahmed ben Mabrouk	I900 Benghazi	cultivateur	3	dº	dº		556
ZINEB	bent Saad	I905 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épousé du précédent	557
LAICHE	ben Mohammed	I923 Foucichat	journalier	2	dº	dº		558
SADDENA	bent Mousbah	I893 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	mère du précédent	559
TAMMAM	Khlafo	4 août I9I6 à Tobrouk	liquoriste	I	Benghazi, via Sidi-Saïd, nº34	Sétif		560
BUARON	Fortunata	I9 mai I920 à Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	56I
TAMMAM	Joseph	I5 avril I884 Benghazi	commerçant		Benghazi via Osman	dº		562
TAMMAM	Jiora	I890 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	563
TAMMAM	Esther	I926 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	fille du précédent	564
TAMMAM	Raffaele	I890 Benghazi	commerçant	I	Benghazi, via Sidi Said nº34	dº		565
GUETTA	Julia	I897 Derna	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	566
TAMMAM	Isaac	2 octobre I908 Benghazi	Commerçant	4	Benghazi, via Sidi-Osman	dº		567
LABI	Diamantina	I9I0 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	568
MASSAABA	Laid	I90I à El-Oued	sans	3	Benghazi via El Mogh-rabi	Tebessa		569
MASSAAB	Bachette	I92I à Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	570
BARANES	Messaouda	I897 à Zouria	sans	5	Benghazi via Osman nºIO	Bel-Abbès		57I
BARANES	Zárifa	2I avril I926 Homs			dº	dº		
BARANES	Smiralda	I924 Homs			dº	dº	dº	
BARANES	Isak	22 février I9I7 Benghazi			Benghazi Vicollo Fellah nº4	dº		574
BARANES	Guilia	I9I2 Homs			dº	dº	épouse du précédent	575
BARANES	Abrama	I9I7 Homs			Derna, via Roma 2 traverse 5	dº		576
BARANES	Misa	I9I5 Derna			dº	dº	épouse du précédent	577

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ALGER, LE 25 NOV 1943

16 — Se référant à sa note Nº 5861 du 19 Août, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de faire parvenir sous ce pli à Monsieur MACMILLAN les listes nominatives des sujets et protégés français, réfugiés en Tunisie, qui sollicitent l'autorisation de rejoindre leurs foyers en Cyrénaïque.

Where?

A ces listes, établies par les soins de la Résidence Générale, se trouvent annexées une fiche de départ, mentionnant l'âge, la profession, l'adresse de chaque chef de famille, le nom et l'âge des personnes qui l'accompagnent ainsi que le numéro de la fiche d'arrivée, distribuée à chacun des réfugiés au moment de son entrée sur le territoire de la Régence au mois d'Août 1942.

Ces listes ont été préalablement soumises au visa du Bureau Français de la circulation et de la Sécurité militaire.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait très obligé à Monsieur MACMILLAN de bien vouloir autoriser dès que possible le rapatriement des personnes dont il s'agit./.

Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN M.P.
Représentant du Gouvernement de S.M.Britannique
auprès du Comité Français
de la Libération Nationale
ALGER

Draft to Min State
JM Adams
Nov. 27th
Sent. See page 78
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Civil Affairs Office
North African Economic Board
Division of Public Welfare and Relief
Refugee Section

November 3, 1943

To: Paul W. Gordon, Acting Chief of Mission, OFHRO

From: Howard Wriggins

Subject: Report of Trip Taken October 21 to October 31, 1943, to Constantine and Towns in the Vicinity (supplementary to report of October 14, 1943, addressed to E. Reeseman Fryer, Chief of Mission, OFHRO, regarding similar trip in Oran area, q.v.).

A. Purpose of the Trip

The same as the trip to Oran, namely, to investigate the situation of refugees of French nationality expelled from Libya, with a view to ameliorating their present living conditions, if such improvement was needed, and to gather necessary information in an effort to expedite their repatriation.

B. Towns Visited

Constantine (3 days), Batna (3 hours), Biskra (overnight), Arris (2 hours), Kenchela (overnight), Ain Beida (1 hour), Tebessa (3 hours), Souk Ahras (2 hours), Guelma (overnight), Bone (4 hours), Philippeville (overnight), Setif (3 hours); total, 12 towns.

C. Official Preparation

Before leaving Algiers, clearances were obtained from the various branches of the American administrati n interested in civilian matters and the Office of the French Security in the Gouvernement General under M. Bringard was also consulted. On arrival in Constantine, the office of the Prefet referred me to the 5e Division of the Police, of which M. Carme is the head. He is designated as being responsible for the care and supervision of this group of refugees.

D. Procedure in Each Town

As in the previous trip, the procedure in each town was fairly standard. The first visit was generally to the office of the official designated by M. Carme. After explaining to this official the nature of the information required, he would usually put me in touch with the head of the Consistoire Israelite if the refugees were Jewish, and the interviewing of the family head would be accomplished with his assistance. If the family were Moslems, the interviewing was done in the office of the municipal authority. In several cases of Moslem families, however, it was not possible to make direct contact with them, for they were far from the roads in the interior. In such cases, the responsible official took notes as to the kinds of information we needed and agreed to forward the details to us as soon as possible.

E. What I Found

1. Statistical Summary

Total number of persons	159
Total number of families	35
Number of adults	68
Number of men	34
Number of women	34
Number of children	91
Number of Jews	144
Number of Moslems	15

Homes:

Benghazi	71
Tripoli	88

(NOTE: on three families of Moslems included in the figure of 35 families, it was not possible to obtain detailed information. Accordingly, they have been included in none of the other figures nor in the discussion.)

2. a) Background

The same history applies to this group as applied to the group in Oran (see report of October 14, 1943, for details). Almost all were born in Libya, they are of French nationality, almost all possessing French identity papers, and all were expelled from Libya by the Italian Government in 1942 because of their French citizenship. They had been assigned to the various small departmental communities in the same fashion as had the group in Oran, and similarly, the refugees of Jewish faith had been assigned to the care of the local Jewish community organizations. As far as was learned, in no cases did the governmental authorities promise reimbursement to the Jewish community organizations for expenses incurred, although in Oran this had apparently occurred in several instances.

b) Responsibility for Assistance

In general, the impression gained in Oran of the official attitude toward the responsibility for the refugees applied to the Constantine area as well (see report of October 14 for details). The impression was that because most of those who were expelled were Jews, they were expelled from Libya because of their Jewish race, and not because of their French nationality. It was therefore not the responsibility of the French government to care for the refugees, but of the Jewish community organizations.

This attitude explains in some measure the impression of official disinterest which one gained among the officials in some of the small towns. A notable exception appeared to be the town of Ain Beida, where a general community fund, similar to our community chest, was being used by the Mayor to supplement the admittedly inadequate allocation from the Gouvernement General.

c) Work

The same conditions prevailed here as in the Oran area. Work permits when applied for had generally been refused. Some were working from time to time. Only one family had apparently been able to make enough money by working to support themselves. For all the rest, work was insufficient to give an acceptable living standard.

d) Rent

As in Oran, for the most part, the refugees received rent free on Jewish community property, often the Synagogue. In one case, the family receives free hospitality with a Jewish family in the town. In others, the Consistoire pays a rent allocation. In general, the housing facilities thus provided are very poor.

e) Food

The same situation as regards food obtained in Constantine as was noticed in Oranie. They are not starving, but their food cannot be considered as being adequate.

f) Clothing

The most obvious lack at the moment is clothes. Especially in the towns of higher altitude, such as Tebessa, Batna, Constantine, Kenchela and Setif, the nights are already very cold and when the weather is not clear the days, too, are cold. They need clothing.

g) Money

The same situation as regards money which was found in Oran exists in Constantine. Currency useable here has been exhausted in all but one case. Almost all have some Italian lire and some have considerable sums either with them, impounded at the frontier, or in the Banco d'Italia in Tripoli. Some means ought to be worked out for releasing these sums of money when the repatriation is accomplished, if not before then, for use in the form of French currency here.

h) Allowances from the French Government

Since the arrival of the refugees, an allocation has been authorized by the Gouvernement General of 8 francs per day for the head of the family and 5 francs per day for other members. After the first six months, this allocation was reportedly increased to 10 and 6 francs respectively. The decision as to whether or not a family is in need of the money is made by the local Maire or responsible official. In many cases, families which seemed most urgently to need the full allocation were receiving a reduced one, and in two cases, no allocation had ever been received. As noted in the report of October 14, the allocation of 10 and 8 francs is quite inadequate when the breadwinner of the family cannot work.

In Constantine, it was brought to my attention that there existed a Commission de Refugiees, headed by M. Cazeaux, the mayor of Constantine. The Prefet's representative on the Commission was a General Duclos, a retired army officer formerly Commandant of the Constantine garrison. This Commission apparently has a central office in the Gouvernement General in Algiers. Accordingly, an interview was arranged with General Duclos, who gave the impression of being very cooperative and possessing a true humanitarian concern. As far as he was concerned, he said, any refugees were entitled to receive the allocation of 20 francs authorized to be paid to the head of a family and the 15 francs to be paid to each additional member of the family, including this group from Libya.

If this allocation could be made available to the members of the Libyan-French refugee group, their needs would in some measure be met. The present arrangement does not appear to be adequate.

1) Continued Jewish Assistance

It is believed that, as in Oranie, the Jewish communities should be encouraged to make a greater effort to help the refugees. Spokesmen of the community groups believed that the communities were capable of greater efforts on behalf of the refugees, but that some of the members felt a hesitation, because they felt it was the proper responsibility of the French authorities.

In Constantine, it was proposed by the head of the Consistoire, M. Bakousch, that no concrete steps be taken immediately to change the present allocations system, as he had just prepared official requests to the Mayor of Constantine in order that the Libyan refugees in Constantine would receive the 20 franc, 15 franc refugee allocation. If his request was accepted, the Constantine payments would be a precedent for the other communities throughout Algeria. If the request was turned down, he would inform us through Mr. Gozlan, the Algiers representative of the Joint Distribution Committee. At that time we might be able to contact the responsible authority in the Gouvernement General and point out to him the difficult situation of this group of refugees in the hope that he would authorize the inclusion of the Libyan-French refugees among those categories of refugees receiving the 20 franc 15 franc allocation.

3. Repatriation

The same impatience found in Oranie was present in the minds of the refugees in the Constantine department. They want to go home and are confident that once there, they will be able to get along.

The problem of economic independence on return home is probably less easily solved for the group in the department of Constantine than for the group in Oranie. As shown by Attachment II, a larger proportion of the group is of the commercial activities, specifically, 56 %. However, as shown by Attachment III, a large percentage of those in the commercial activities either have money or have friends or relatives who will help them, specifically, over 80 %.

For those who are unable to arrange immediately for independent economic life, the American Joint Distribution Committee stands ready to make all financial arrangements so that they will not become a public charge.

Accordingly, as with the Oran group, as far as the authorities of Tripoli and Benghazi are concerned, there should be no fear that these refugees would become public charges.

P. Recommendations

1. That the Joint Distribution Committee representatives hold themselves ready to encourage the local Consistoires to continue their assistance to the refugees, and in some instances to increase it, in case it should not be possible for the local Jewish organizations to arrange for the transfer of the Libyan-French refugees into a category which would permit them to receive the 20 franc - 15 franc allocation authorized by the Gouvernement General to be paid to refugees through the local official of the Commission de Refugiees.

2. That every effort be made to overcome whatever technical difficulties may stand in the way of the repatriation of this group of refugees, since the economic reason arguing that the individuals would become charges of their home communities does not appear to be a valid one for not permitting their repatriation.

3. That clothing be made available to the group.

4. That some facilities be arranged in order to permit the deblocking of the Italian lire taken from the refugees at the Tunisian-Libyan frontier.

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Attachment 1

List of family names, with numbers in each family and summaries of:

a) possibilities of being housed immediately upon their return home;
b) financial situation, cash or property at their disposal;
c) profession or economic activity;
d) pregnancies.

Family Name	Religion	Home	Total	Men	Women	Children
I SETIF						
1. TAMMAM, Khlafou	J	Benghazi	3	1	1	1
a) housing uncertain b) 12,000 lire at Banco, Tripoli 12,000 lire at frontier, has receipt c) cloth merchant, employee in liqueur factory d) wife expecting baby within two months						
2. TAMMAM, Raphael	J	Benghazi	3	1	1	1
a) housing uncertain b) some money, but very little; owns large building in Bardia, part-owner of two grocery stores c) restaurant operator						
3. TAMMAM, Isaac	J	Benghazi	6	1	1	4
a) housing apparently o.k. b) 90,000 lire cash Banco Tripoli, owns property c) cloth merchant						
4. TAMMAM, Joseph	J	Benghazi	3	1	1	1
a) same as above b) see son Isaac c) see son Isaac						
5. TAMMAM, Rubin	J	Benghazi	3	1	1	1
a) house o.k. per recent news b) 20,000 lire Banco, Tripoli; 30,000 lire and gold with friend. c) drug and cloth wholesaler and retailer						
II CONSTANTINE						
6. TAYEB, Mouchi	J	Tripoli	9	1	1	7
a) housing o.k., own apartments b) 100,000 lire, Banco, Tripoli; possesses apartments c) real estate development and building						
7. BRAMLI, Elie	J	Benghazi	6	1	1	4
a) o.k., owns 7 houses b) 400,000 Egyptian pounds with friend; 12,000 lire; 140,000 lire at frontier c) cloth merchant, cattle merchant						

8. BRAMLI, Ephraim J Benghazi 5 1 1 3
a) o.k., with brother
b) 7,800 lire Italian Banco, Tripoli;
100,000 lire with friends
c) wholesale grocer

9. BRAMLI, Mordohai J Benghazi 2 1 1
a) apparently o.k., with father-in-law
b) 20,000 lire Banco, Tripoli;
150,000 lire with friends
c) cloth and hardware store

10. NAOURI, Ephraim J Tripoli 3 1 1 1
a) house still o.k.
b) 30,000 lire with friend
c) chauffeur, truck driver

11. NAOURI, Raphael (and his mother)
J Tripoli 8 1 2 5
a) o.k., live in mother-in-law's house
b) 3,000 lire frontier, has receipt;
expecting inheritance, as mother-
in-law died recently
c) customs agent, Naouri and Fadelon

12. SEROUSSI, Mebourak J Tripoli 5 4 1
a) house still o.k.
b) 120,000 lire left with brother
c) cloth merchants

III PHILIPPEVILLE

13. GUETTA, Rahmine J Benghazi 3 1 1 1
a) housing uncertain
b) money inadequate information
c) peddler, could be laborer

14. GUETTA, Benjamin J Benghazi 7 1 1 5
a) housing uncertain
b) 6,500 lire at Zouara
c) druggist and cloth merchant
(stocks pillaged by Italians)

IV GUELMA

15. BARANES, Alphonse J Tripoli 6 1 1 4
a) house destroyed, store intact
b) 300,000 lire Banco, Tripoli;
owns store and shop
c) shoe and cloth merchant

16. BARANES, Eugene J Tripoli 2 1 1
a) partner of Baranes, Alphonse
b)
c) same as Alphonse
d) wife expecting baby within four months

17. GUETTA, Qunitino J Benghazi 10 1 1 8
a) housing uncertain
b) 2,900 lire Zouara;
4,300 lire Benguardin
c) cloth merchant, representation;
could be butcher.

V BONE

18. BARANES, Khlafou (now mobilized) J Tripoli 2 1 1
wife: Miha Brakha
a) housing for wife o.k. with parents
b) expects to receive 8,000 francs shortly
c) mason, marble cutter, and carpenter
d) wife expecting baby within four months

19. SERROR, Rahmine J Tripoli 5 1 1 3
a) housing o.k., own part of house still intact
b) brother-in-law has money
c) customs agent; partner with brother-in-law- supply

VI KENCHELA

20. HADDAD, Khemissa J Tripoli 5 4 1
(widow Haggiag, Azouna)
a) house believed o.k.
b) owns store
c) Victor Haggiag - jeweler
Gabriel Haggiag - cloth merchant
Mouchi Haggiag - grocery store
Joseph Haggiag - ebony worker, carpenter

21. ARBIB, Sion J Tripoli 9 1 1 7
a) house believed o.k.
b) 300,000 lire Banco, Tripoli
c) carpenter, furniture maker

22. NAOURI, Khamous (& mother) J Tripoli 4 1 2 1
a) house destroyed, but believes relatives will take him in
b) almost no money
c) tailor, shop still operating

23. BARANES, Badousa KHERIA J Tripoli 3 1 2
a) will live with brother
b) 600 lire in Banco, Tripoli; sons money with friend
c) son is shoemaker's apprentice with uncle

24. NAOURI, Maria J Tripoli 4 1 3
(widow of Haim Naouri, brother of Khamous)
a) probably will live with mother whose house is still o.k.
b) no money
c) dressmaker, two sons are department store employees

VII SOUK - AHRAS

25. ELGHEZEYYEL, Hai J Tripoli 8 1 1 6
a) o.k., will live with relatives
b) 2,300 lire with brother-in-law
c) restaurant keeper, could be agricultural worker

VIII AIN - BEIDA

26. HAGGIAG, Jacob J Tripoli 7 1 1 5
a) expects to live with brother-in-law
b) 15,000 lire left with brother-in-law
c) grocery store keeper

IX BATNA

27. BRAHLI, Elie J Benghazi 6 1 1 4
(Barsi)
a) o.k., house still intact
b) 10,000 lire Banco, Tripoli
c) grocery storekeeper, could be tailor

28. BRAHLI, Huani J Benghazi 5 1 1 3
a) believe house of dead mother o.k. and available to them
b) 180,000 lire left at frontier, have receipt.
c) hardware storekeeper

29. BARDA, Berkana J Benghazi 2 1 1
(widow Mouchi Brahli)
a) believes house owned still intact
b) no money, but owns besides house a large building containing 6 shops
c) plans to live off rents

X TEBESSA

30. MESSAABA, Laid M Benghazi 4 1 1 2
a) believes house o.k.
b) no money, but can borrow easily from friends; owns domicile
c) grocer, could work as laborer

31. EL AYADI, Abvelaziz M Tripoli 7 1 1 5
a) owns house with cousin, believes it o.k. Plans to live there.
b) no money, but believes he can borrow from family and friends; owns two houses
c) grocery storekeeper

XI AHRIS (Commune Mixte)

32. BELKACEN Ben Mobrouk M ? ? 1 ? ?
Data unknown as in interior town far from roads; administrateur will send data to Algiers.

XII LA CALLE (Commune Mixte)

33. Mohamed BEN MOBROUK M ? ? 1 ? ?
Data not available as not within reach for interview. Officials sending data to Constantine Police.

34. LAICH ben Mohamed M ? ? ? ?
Data not obtainable as not within reach for interview. Officials sending data to Constantine Police

XIII BISKRA

35. ADOUAN, Mohamed M Benghazi 4 1 1 2
(Derna)
Desires to return to Benghazi only for temporary visit to liquidate family and financial matters, then return to Biskra region where he is now living with his family.

Attachment II

Analysis of Professions

	Basic Profession	Alternative Profession	
1. Cloth merchant	7	4	
2. Grocer	6		
3. Drug merchant	2		
4. Hardware merchant	2		
5. Shoe merchant	2		
6. Peddler	1		
7. Cattle merchant	—	1	
Total in Commercial Activities	20	5	56 %
8. Restaurant operator	2		
9. Carpenter, cabinet maker	2		
10. Customs agent	2		
11. Real estate, building contractor	1		
12. Tailor	1	1	
13. Shoemaker	1		
14. Dressmaker	1		
15. Chauffeur, truck driver	1		
16. Butcher	1		
17. Jeweler	1		
18. Mason, marble cutter	1		
19. Worker in liqueur factory		1	
20. Agricultural worker		1	
21. Laborer	—	2	
Total not Strictly Commercial	14	5	44 %
Total Professionally Active People Listed	34	10	100 %

Attachment III

Analysis of Economic Situation of

Those in Strictly Commercial Activities

Category 1. 45 % 9 breadwinners

Those possessing

a) ready cash either with them or available on their return at the Banco in Tripoli or with friends or held at the frontier against receipt;

b) housing facilities assured them, either with family or friends or in their own houses which they know are intact;

Category 2. 35 % 7 breadwinners

Those possessing

a) ready cash under above conditions;

b) not being sure that housing facilities will be available to them.

Category 3. 15 % 3 breadwinners

Those

a) being assured of having housing available under Category 1 conditions;

b) being without liquid money available.

NOTE: some of these own property in the form of houses or apartments, and two state that friends are ready to lend them money on their return.

Category 4. 5 % 1

Those

a) not being sure of finding housing available on their return;

b) not possessing liquid money.

TOTAL 20

Office of the British Representative with
the French Committee of National Liberation,
Algiers.

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21st November 1943.

RM/47/7.

N°.61.

Your Excellency,

With reference to your notes Nos. 9152 of the 13th October and 9666 of the 19th October, I have the honour to inform you that the repatriation of the persons named on the first and second lists enclosed therein of French refugees at present domiciled in Algeria, is approved as soon as transport arrangements have been concluded.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

Roger Makins.

His Excellency,
Monsieur Rene Massigli,
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

Disp 26/11

Office of the British Representative to the French Committee of National Liberation,
Algiers.

RM/47/7: 19th November, 1943.

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Thank you for sending us in your letter (3348 90/1a) of November 9th the particulars of the two families of Arabs who wish to return to their homes in Tripolitania.

We are asking the military authorities at Tripoli to let us know whether their return to Tripolitania is authorised.

Meanwhile we suggest that you should advise the Arabs to apply to the French authorities for laissez-passers to leave Morocco for Tripolitania.

D.P.Reilly

A.N.Williamson-Napier, Esq.

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Office of the British Resident
Minister at A.F.H.Q.,
5,rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

RM/47/7.

19 November 1943.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the following two families of Tripolitanian Arabs at present resident in Morocco have applied to H.M.Consulate at Casablanca to be repatriated to their homes.

(1) MAHMOUD BEN HADJ MBARCK (Head of Family)
Present address: Derb Chorfa - Rue 26,Maison No. 1. Nouvelle Medina, Casablanca.

Lived at: Barce (80 kms.from Benghazi)
Services Municipaux Police Agent

has one brother with British forces i.e.

No. 10688 Nafar Mohamed El Hadj, serving with Cyrenaica Defence Force (Gendarmerie) (We have been able to check this statement)

His mother: Mabrouka Bent Mohamed Ben Ayad
His wife Magbula Bent Alouani
His daughter Saida Bent Mohamed
His brother Abdul Hafid Ben Hadj Embarek
His niece Bint Mohamed) daughters of Nafar
His niece Fatma Bent Mohamed) Mohamed El Hadj.

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Total of family present here : 7.

(2) SI ABBAS BEN MOHAMED (Head of Family)
Present address : Derb Espagnol, Rue 49, Maison 8, Nouvelle Medina, Casablanca.

/Lived

L.C.C.A.C.,
H.Q.,
Tripolitania.

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Lived at Benghazi Zabri Rue Hassan No. 11
Leatherworker in Souk -

Has two sons : Mohamed Ben Abbas and Ali Ben Abbas stated to be with the British forces.

His wife : Fatima Bent Abbas
Wife of Ali Ben Abbas
Son of Ali Ben Abbas

Total of family present here : 4.

2. H.M.Consul at Casablanca is being asked to advise the Arabs to apply to the French authorities in the normal way for a laissez passer to leave Morocco for Tripolitania.

3. If entry into Tripolitania is authorised, I suggest that H.M. Consul at Casablanca should issue the visa for entry into Tripolitania.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(for the Minister)

D.P. Reilly.

Cypher

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

INCOMING TELEGRAM

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From: Minister of State, Cairo. D. 1150 19.11.43

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 1500 19.11.43

No. 327 (18.11.43)

Addressed to Resident Minister, Algiers, telegram 327, repeated to Tunis, Tripbase, Cyrenaica.

Your telegram No. 334. 767

Repatriation to Cyrenaica as soon as transport arrangements have been concluded of all persons listed in despatches 1 and 2 from British representative to F.C.N.L. approved.

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These are lists 1 and 2 of refugees at present in Algeria. Draft to C. F. A..

J. M. Adams
Nov. 20th.

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BRITISH CONSULATE,
CASABLANCA,
Morocco.

47/7

3348 90/1a

9th November, 1943.

Dear Makins,

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I thank you for your letter R.M./47/7 of the 2nd November, regarding the eleven Tripolitanian Arabs who have applied for repatriation, and give you hereunder the required details.

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Son of Ali Ben Abbas

Total of family present here : 4.

Transmitted.

See drafts submitted after consultation with Major Cream G2 C1

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Draft Adams Nov. 18th.

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Lord Duncan No. 15

On the lists thus far submitted by the French, the names of 105 persons have appeared.

As 13 of these names are of persons in towns not visited by us, they are not included in our list of 198.

There are therefore at least 108 ~~persons~~ persons still unaccounted for in Algeria, or 50%.

The names of 62 persons in Morocco have been submitted.

Sincerely,

Howard Wriggins

(Refugee Section, N.A.E.B.)

We can look work for the lists as they come in from the C.F.A. Wriggins is in touch with French authorities. If Cairo or Bengasi require more details than C.F.A. gives us regarding each man, Wriggins can supplement them. D. 16/11

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Cypher OUTGOING TELEGRAM

From : Resident Minister Algiers 13.11.43

To : Minister of State Cairo

Ref. 59

No. 534 (13.11.43)

Repeated FO. Saving No.38, And H.M.C.G.Tunis Saving No, 40, Bema, Tripbase, HQ, B.M.A., Cyrenaica by AFHQ bag.

My telegram No. 297. 154

Details so far available are as follows:

Yourtelegram No. 278. Para. 2(a). - 44

592 persons in all in Tunisia wish to return to Cyrenaica. 390 of these are Jews and 202 Moslem. Para. 2(b). Approximiately 200 will require financial assistance; a complete list is in the process of being drawn up. French authorities agree to meet cost of transport.

2. Please inform me as soon as possible whether repatriation is authorised.

3. See also my despatches 3 and 4 of Nov. 12th which contain first list of 14 repatriates from Morocco and third and fourth lists of 20 repatriates from Algeria all of whom wish to return to Cyrenaica.

D. 15/11

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Office of the British Representative to the
French Committee of National Liberation,
Algiers.

R.K./47/7.
No. 4.

12th November, 1943.

Ref 64

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 2 of the 22nd October and to enclose herein the third and fourth lists of refugees in Algeria who request authorisation to return to their homes in Cyrenaica.

2. I am sending copies of this despatch to H.M. Consul General, Tunis, HMMA., Tripoli, and the Headquarters of the British Military Administration, Cyrenaica.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(for the Minister)

The Right Hon. R.G. Casey, P.C., D.S.O., M.C.

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Office of the British Representative to the
French Committee of National Liberation,
Algiers.

EA/4/1.

12th November, 1943.

No.3.

Ref 60

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to my despatch No.2 of the 22nd October and to enclose herein a first list of French subjects and protected persons who took refuge in Morocco and who now request authorisation to return to their homes in Cyrenaica.

2. I am sending copies of this despatch not only to H.M.Consul General, Tunis, and HMMA. Tripoli, but also to the Headquarters of the British Military Administration, Cyrenaica, as requested in your despatch No.93(6)/43 of the 30th October. I am also sending copies of my despatches Nos. 1 and 2 to the latter address.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(for the Minister)

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The Right Hon. R. G. Casey, P.C., D.S.O., M.C.

MP/JC.

COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
DE LA
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

Commissariat aux
Affaires Etrangères.

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

ALGER, LE 10 NOV 1943 194

N° 10871 /A.E. /42.
A RAPPELER

Se référant à sa correspondance antérieure et en dernier lieu à sa note n° 9.666, du I9 Octobre, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de faire parvenir , sous ce pli, à M. MACMILLAN la troisième et la quatrième liste des sujets et protégés français, réfugiés en Algérie, qui sollicitent l'autorisation de rejoindre leurs foyers en Cyrénaïque.

- Pièce jointe -

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait obligé à Monsieur MACMILLAN de lui faire savoir si les Autorités britanniques donnent leur assentiment au rapatriement des personnes dont il s'agit./.

Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN, M.P.
Ministre d'Etat, Représentant du Gouvernement
de Sa Majesté Britannique auprès du Comité
Français de la Libération Nationale,

A L G E R.

GOUVERNEMENT GENERAL
DE L'ALGERIE

DIRECTION DE LA
SECURITE GENERALE

Liste nº 4 des réfugiés repliés en Algérie qui sollicient leur retour en CYRENAIQUE, où ils étaient précédemment domiciliés

Noms	Prénoms	Date et lieu de naissance	Profession	Nombre d'enfants qui l'accompagnent	Domicile qu'il désire regagner	Comme d'accueil en Algérie	Observations	Numéro d'ordre
TEMMAM	Effraïm	I880 Benghazi	Distillateur	3	Benghazi, 34 rue Sidi Saïd	Blida		548
TEMMAM	Naïm	I898 Tripoli	sans		dº	dº	Ière épouse du précédent	549
TEMMAM	Sasia	I868 Tripoli	sans		dº	dº	2ème épouse du précédent	550
TAMMAM	Isaac	I908 Benghazi	Commerçant	5	Benghazi 6 Boulevard Baladia	dº		55I
TAMMAM	Houri	I9I3 Tripoli	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	552
TAMMAM	Haï Victor	I907 Benghazi	Commerçant	2	Benghazi IO Boulevard Baladia	dº		553
TAMMAM	Esther	I906 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	554

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Liste No. 4 des réfugiés repliés en Algérie qui sollicient leur retour en CYRENAIQUE, où ils étaient précédemment domiciliés.

Noms	Prénoms	Date et lieu de naissance	Profession	Nombre d'enfants qui L'accompagnent	Domicile qu'il désire regagner	Comme d'accueil en Algerie.	Observations	Numéro d'ordre
TEMMAM	Effraim	1880 Benghazi	Distillateur	3	Benghazi, 34 rue Sidi Said	Blida		548
TEMMAM	Naim	1898 Tripoli	sans		do	do	1ere épouse du précédent	549
TEMMAM	Sasia	1868 Tripoli	sans		do	do	2eme épouse du précédent	550
TAMMAM	Isaac	1908 Benghazi	Commerçant	5	Benghazi 6 Boulevard Baladia	do		551
TAMMAM	Houri	1913 Tripoli	sans		do	do	épouse du précédent	552
TAMMAM	Hai Victor	1907 Benghazi	Commerçant	2	Benghazi 10 Boulevard Baladia	do		553
TAMMAM	Esther	1906 Benghazi	sans		do	do	épouse du précédent	554

GOUVERNEMENT GENERAL
DE L'ALGERIE

SECURITE GENERALE

Liste nº3 des réfugiés repliés en Algérie sollicitant leur retour en CYRENAIQUE, où ils étaient précédemment domiciliés

Noms	Prénoms	Date et lieu de naissance	Profession	Nombre d'enfants qui l'accompagnent	Domicile qu'il désire regagner	Commune d'accueil en Algérie	Observations	Numéro d'ordre
HADDAD née HABIB	Toumine	I906 Tripoli	Ménagère	2	Benghazi	Miliana	veuve	535
ZARD née ASSAL	Diamanti	I9I3 Benghazi	sans	I	dº	dº	mari interné en Italie	536
ZARD	David	I879 dº	Commerçant		Benghazi rue Zarghet l'Ohesi nº43	dº		537
ZARD	Julia	I882 dº	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	538
ZARD	Elie	I9I3 dº	Tailleur		dº	dº	fils	539
ZARD	Hamouz	I0 Octobre I908 Benghazi	Commerçant	2	Benghazi rue Missicipion	dº		540
ZARD	Quintina	I9I5 dº	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	54I
MOHAMED	ben Miloud	I883 Biskra (Algérie)	Taleb		Derna, via Toscana nº56	Biskra		542
ABDERRAMANE	ben Sadik	I887 Kef(Tunisie)	Commerçant		Benghazi rue Marabout sidi HSEIN nº4	Médéa		543
AHMED ben Saad	ben ARAR	I864 Kef(Tunisie)	dº		Benghazi quartier Ras El Abida	dº		544
SAIDA bent	Boujida Ghazala	vers I903 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	545
BRAMLI	Elie	I4 juillet I899 Benghazi	Commerçant	4	Benghazi via Medui	Constantine		546
BRAMLI	Clémentine	I3 juillet I902 Benghazi	sans		dº	dº	épouse du précédent	547

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DE L'ALGERIE.

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SURETE GENERALE.

Liste No. 3 des refugies replies en Algerie sollicitant leur retour en CYRENAIQUE, ou ils etaient precedemment domicilies

Noms	Prenoms	Date et lieu de naissance	Profession	Nombre d'enfants qui l'accompagnent	Domicile qu'il desire regagner	Commune d'accueil en Algerie.	Observations.	Numero d'ordre
HADDAD nee HABIB	Toumine	1906 Tripoli	Menagere	2	Benghazi	Miliana	veuve	535
ZARD nee ASSAL	Diamanti	1913 Benghazi	sans	1	do	do	mari interne en Italie	536
ZARD	David	1879 do	Commercant		Benghazi rue Zarghet l'Ohesi n°43	do		537
ZARD	Julia	1882 do	sans		do	do	epouse du precedent	538
ZARD	Elie	1913 do	Tailleur		do	do	fils	539
ZARD	Hamouz	10 Octobre 1908 Benghazi	Commercant	2	Benghazi rue Missicipion	do		540
ZARD	Quintina	1915 do	sans		do	do	epouse du precedent	541
MOHAMED	ben Miloud	1883 Biskra (Algerie)	Taleb		Derna, via Toscana N° 56	Biskra		542
ABDERRAMANE	ben Sadik	1887 Kef (Tunisie)	Commercant		Benghazi rue Marabout sidi HSEIN N° 4.	Medea		543
AHMED ben Saad	ben ARAR	1864 Kef (Tunisie)	do		Benghazi quartier Ras El Abide	do		544
SAIDA bent	Boujida Ghazala	vers 1903 Benghazi	sans		do	do	epouse du precedent	545
BRAMLI	Elie	14 juillet 1899 Benghazi	Commercant	4	Benghazi via Medui	Constantine		546
BRAMLI	Clementine	13 juillet 1902 Benghazi	sans		do	do	epouse du precedent	547

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ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST FROM CIVAFFAIRS

TO: FREEDOM

REF NO THIS MESSAGE CET/30686/11, 3 November 1943

Your 2837 -53 of 26 Oct. and my CET/28271 -54 of 28 Oct.

1. Prepared accept LIBYAN ARABS subject to prior investigation of domicile on receipt of personal particulars.

2. Will NOT accept ITALIANS.

3. Prepared consider other bases on their merits on receipt of personal particulars.

2837 is MC OUT 8132 27/10/43 MGS.
CET/28271 is MC IN 18786 30/10/43 MGS.

ACTION: MGS

INFORMATION: SGS
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

ROUTINE

A.M.S. Palermo

TO: FARGO

REF NO. 8177

SIGNED: EISENHOWER, CITE FHMGS

not received

Reference your 205/EQ of 21 October.

1. MID EAST prepared accept LIBYAN Arabs, subject to prior investigation of domicile and on receipt of personal particulars.

2. Will not accept Italians.

3. Are prepared consider other elements on their merits on receipt of personal particulars.

4. In order that if necessary matter may be taken up with Security and Movement authorities here, please state whether you wish to repatriate any personnel as in paras 1 and 2. If so request personal particulars and details of domicile.

ORIGINATOR: MGS

AUTHORITICATION: T.B. JACKMAN, MAJOR

INFORMATION:
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IMPORTANT

63(6)/43

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE,
10 SHARIA TOLUMBAT,
CAIRO.

30th October, 1943.

Sir,

With reference to your despatches R.M./47/7 Nos. 1 and 2 of the 14th and 22nd October respectively, regarding French subjects and protected persons who wish to return from Algeria to Cyrenaica.

I am directed by the Minister of State Resident in the Middle East to inform you that the lists of these persons enclosed in your despatches have been forwarded to the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, G.H.Q., M.E., with a request that Mr Casey may be informed as soon as possible whether these persons may be repatriated as proposed.

2. It is understood that Jewish representatives from Tunisia arrived on the 27th October in Cyrenaica to make arrangements for the reception of the repatriates, and the Chief Civil Affairs Officer would be grateful if you would send copies of your despatches concerning Cyrenaica to the Headquarters of the British Military Administration, Cyrenaica, as well as to the B.M.A. Tripbase.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant

British Representative
To the French Committee of
National Liberation,
Algiers.

COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
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Commissariat aux Affaires Etrangères

Direction Politique
Afrique - Asie - Océanie

N°10584/A.E./25

A RAPPELER

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

MP/TP.

ALGER, LE - 9 NOV 1943 194

Se référant à sa correspondance antérieure et en dernier lieu à sa note nº 9666 du 19 Octobre, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de faire parvenir sous ce pli à Monsieur MacMillan la première liste des sujets et protégés français, refugiés au Maroc, qui sollicitent l'autorisation de rejoindre leurs foyers en Cyrénaïque.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait obligé à Monsieur MacMillan de lui faire connaître si les Autorités britanniques donnent leur assentiment au rapatriement des personnes dont il s'agit./.

Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN, M. P.
Représentant du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté
Britannique auprès du Comité Français de la
Libération Nationale
5, Rue du Professeur Curtillet, 5

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Commissariat aux Affaires Etrangères

Direction Politique
Afrique - Asie - Océanie

N° 10853/A.E./26.

A RAPPELER

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

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50 — Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de communiquer ci-après à Monsieur MacMillan les renseignements qu'il a demandés par lettre nº 34 du 23 Octobre à propos du retour en Cyrénaïque des sujets et protégés français dont l'évacuation avait été décidée par les autorités italiennes au cours de l'été 1942.

Iº Le nombre des réfugiés qui se trouvent actuellement en Tunisie et qui désirent rejoindre leurs foyers en Cyrénaïque s'élève à 592, dont 390 Israélites et 202 musulmans;

2º La Résidence Générale à Tunis a été chargée d'établir la liste de ceux d'entre ces refugiés qui auraient besoin d'une assistance financière. Les prévisions doivent porter, dans cet ordre d'idées, sur environ 200 personnes.

3º Les Autorités françaises prendront à leur charge les frais concernant le transport de ces réfugiés de Tunisie en Cyrénaïque./.

Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN, M. P.
Représentant du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté
Britannique auprès du Comité Français de la
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5, Rue du Professeur Curtillet, 5

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10, SHARIA TOLUMBAT

CAIRO.

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2nd. November, 1943.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE * CAIRO *

With the compliments of .....

RESIDENT MINISTER. ALGIERS.

Mr Addis 9/11

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T E L E G R A M
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To:- FOREIGN OFFICE.
From:- MINISTER OF STATE RESIDENT IN THE M.E.

D. Direct 3.11.43.

No. 242 SAVING
2.11.43.

Addressed to Foreign Office No. 242 SAVING, repeated to Minister Resident, Algiers No. 9 SAVING.

Your telegrams Nos. 2254 /of 16/7_/ and 2634 /of 21/8_/. -4 -18

D.C.C.A.O. Tripolitania after discussion with H.M. Consul-General and French Authorities at TUNIS has agreed to accept 772 French Jews from French North Africa subject to certain practical conditions. It is hoped that transfer by sea will be completed by mid-December.

2. French Authorities have been warned that conditions of life in Tripolitania are likely to be onerous compared with Tunisia and that it is not considered that these refugees are entitled to claim relief in Tripolitania.

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TOO : 28 NTF

ROUTINE

FROM : MIDEAST FROM CIVAFFAIRS

TO : FREEDOM REPEATED BEMA TRIPDIST REPEATED BEMA CYRDIST

REFERENCE NO. THIS MESSAGE : OET 28271, 28 October 1943.

Your 2837 October 26.—53

Before replying I am referring to territories concerned.

They are at present finding difficulty in reabsorbing repatriates from NORTH AFRICA.

2832 MC OUT 8132 27/10/43 Mil Gov Sec

ACTION: MIL GOV SEC

INFO: SQS G-2
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Office of the British Representative to
the French Committee of National Liberation,
ALGIERS.

R.M./47/7.

2nd November, 1943.

My dear Napier

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Thank you for your letter No. 3103 90/1a of the 22nd October, about the eleven Tripolitanian Arabs who have applied for repatriation.

If you will let us have full details of the individuals in question, we will take the matter up with the appropriate authorities in Algiers and Tripoli.

Yours sincerely

Roger Makins.

A.N. Williamson-Napier, Esq.,
Casablanca.

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R.M./47/7.

To: Military Government Section,
A.F.H.Q.
From: Resident Minister's Office.

Reference Freedom telegram No. 2837 to Mideast.

52 ... You may be interested to see copy of enclosed letter from Brigadier Lush to H.M. Consul General, Tunis, setting out the conditions under which D.C.C.A.O., Tripolitania is prepared to accept the repatriation of French Tunisian Jews into Tripolitania.

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1st November, 1943.

Cypher

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

From: Resident Minister, Algiers. 1430 24.10.43

To: Minister of State, Cairo.

Resmin 297 (23.10.43)

Repeated to Foreign Office, No. 17 Saving.

Your telegram No. 278. 44

We are obtaining detailed report from the French. Meanwhile our information is as follows:

Your para. 2 (a) all with few exceptions.

Your para. 2 (b) about 80 per cent will be self supporting.

2. Transport arrangements are under discussion.

D. 28/10

MR 28/X

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TO FOR ACTION: MIDEAST

REF NO: 2837

SIGNED: EISENHOWER, CITE FHMGS

Hq AMG SICILY have received a number of applications by evacuees from TRIPOLITANIA and CYRENAICA to return to those districts. Before matter is investigated in regard to security, transportation and other aspects please state whether you would be willing to accept them. No details available numbers involved, but please indicate in your reply whether this is a consideration, and state whether you would wish impose any other stipulations such as age, physical ability to work, localities to which evacuees might not return, etc.

ORIGINATOR: MIL GOVT SEC

AUTHENTICATION: MAJOR T B JACKMAN

INFORMATION: SGS
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MR. MACMILLAN
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I think M.I. Sect. should have a copy of 52. Duncan 28/10

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL

TUNIS

25th October, 1943.

With the compliments

of

His Majesty's Consul General

to the Resident Minister, Algiers.

? Copy to Mil. Sort. Sec.
A.F.H.Q.
See 53
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Duncan 28/10

BMA/T/1234.

H.Q.,B.M.A. Tripolitania.

25th October, 1943.

Sir

I have the honour to refer to your unnumbered telegram of October 21st (your No.51 to Algiers) sent in reply to my B.M.A.T/1234 of October 19th, and to confirm conversations which I have had with yourself and the French Authorities to-day.

I am prepared to accept the 772 French (Tunisian) Jews into Tripolitania subject to the following conditions:-

(1) That,if possible, the whole party be sent by sea to Tripoli.

(2) Failing (1) that the total be divided into three parties which should leave Tunis at intervals of not less than 15 days.

(3) That a list giving exact details of the composition of each party be sent at least 7 days in advance of each party.This list to give names, sex, age, addre and occupation of each member, man,woman and child of the party.

(4) That each person and his effects are disinfested during the 24 hours prior to their departure and a medical certificate be provided to this effect.

(5) That a responsible French official and a Medical officer accompanies each party bearing with him th medical certificate (see 4.above)and a list giving the composition of each party.

(6) That sufficient food for 7 days is sent with each party.

(7) That the move be completed before mid-December.

I should be grateful if you would represent to the French Authorities that conditions of life are worse in Tripolitania than in Tunisia and that food is definitely more scarce. It should also be clearly pointed out that these refugees will not be considered as entitled to relief in Tripolitania.

The above permission applies only to those refugees destined for Tripolitania.Refugees destined for Cyrenaica should be sent by ship direct to Benghazi under arrangements to be made with the D.C.C.A.O. Cyrenaica.

H.B.M. Consul General,
TUNIS.

M. S. Lush.
D.C.C.A.O.

COPY

BMA/T/1234.

H.Q., B.M.A. Tripolitania.

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(Sgd: M.G. Lush,
Brigadier)
D.C.C.A.O.

H.B.M. Consul General,
Tunis.

Copies to:- C.A.B., Cairo.
Resident Minister, Algiers.
S.C.A.O., Western Province.

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BRITISH CONSULATE,

CASABLANCA,

Morocco.

3103 90/1a

22nd October, 1943.

My dear Makins.

Two families of Tripolitan Arabs, numbering eleven in all, of whom all but two are women and children, have applied to this Consulate for their repatriation to Tripoli, since, they say, that country is now under British military occupation. In support of their request, it was stated that in one case - which we know to be correct - a brother and in the other case the two sons were serving with the British forces in Tripoli. This, they added, was the reason why the families were expelled from Tripoli by the Italian authorities at the time. They state they are unable to earn a livelihood in Morocco, but on the other hand there appears nothing in our records here enabling us to intervene in a matter which on the face of it would seem capable of solution by the Protectorate authorities.

Nevertheless, I do not wish to turn away families who have been cast out from their homes because their men are helping us, and I should be glad to know whether, in your opinion, there is anything we can usefully do to help these people.

? Ack. I + enclose
Copy of letter 52, giving
Condition of exiles
& Tripolitania.

Duncan 28/10

Yours sincerely.

MR 3/x:

Alexander

Roger Makins, Esq., Office of the
British Resident Minister,
Algiers.

Reply at 56

D. 2/11

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Office of the British Representative to
French Committee of National Liberation,
ALGIERS.

R.M./47/7.
No. 34.

Ref. 44.

23rd October, 1943.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to your note No. 9152/A.E., of the 13th October, concerning the repatriation of French subjects and protected persons to Cyrenaica and to inform you that, according to information recently received from the Minister of State in Cairo, the Headquarters of the British Military Administration in Cyrenaica have received from the authorities in Tunis a first batch of requests from French subjects, mostly Jews, who were removed from Cyrenaica to Tunisia in 1942. It appears that the President of the Jewish community in Benghazi has also asked for the return of Jews who have exhausted their funds; that Civil Affairs officers at Benghazi and Barce are prepared to receive these persons; and that the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer in Tripoli is himself in favour of repatriation on the same terms as other destitute repatriates. They can, of course, only return by sea.

2. I should therefore be grateful if you could ascertain:

(a) the total number of Jews formerly resident in Cyrenaica and now in Tunisia who wish to return to Cyrenaica;

and (b) what proportion of the whole will need financial assistance on their return to Cyrenaica.

3. It is considered that the costs of repatriation

should /

His Excellency M. René Massigli,
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

should be provided by the appropriate French authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

For the Minister

(sgd.) Kingsley Rookes

Copied H.M. Consul General,
Tunis

R.M./47/7. 50A

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Reference Cairo telegram No. 278.

Herewith draft to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs. Before sending we should perhaps, however, consult Mr. Gordon of the Relief Department of N.A.E.B.

It seems a pity that Cairo do not wish to encourage the Joint Distribution Committee to assist in the matter, since it may be difficult to persuade the French to provide the necessary funds.

Mr Rokyn

D.

20th October, 1943.

(2.)

I think we should have better make the arrangements for transport.

(5.)

Draft approved D 23/

Check with Mr. Gordon (4) before sending.

G. will help the French to provide the data required - para. 2. D.23/10

2 d A (3)

Please do so Gordon

KR 21/10

done

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

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INCOMING TELEGRAM.

From: H.M.C.G., Tunis.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers.

No. 51 (21.10.43)

Addressed to BEMA Tripdist, repeated to Resmin, Algiers, and Civil Affairs Mideast.

Your telegram BMAT/1234 19. The three persons in question have gone in private capacity but with approval of French authorities to contact leaders of Jewish Community in Tripoli. Their mission is to try to arrange for the Jewish Community in Tripoli to look after the refugees from Tunis, most of whom are Jews, if and when they arrive. French authorities assure me that there is no question of refugees leaving Tunis until permission is granted by you for their entry into Tripoli.

Good, am glad at 48 hrs evidently redundant. 23/10

23/10

Office of the British Representative to the
French Committee of National Liberation,
ALGIERS.

R.M./47/7.
No. 2.

22nd October, 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch (No. 1) of the 14th October, concerning the repatriation of French subjects and protected persons to Cyrenaica, and to enclose a second list of such refugees who fled to Algeria and now request authorisation to return to their homes in Cyrenaica.

2. I am sending copies of this despatch to H.M. Consul-General, Tunis, and B.M.M.A., Tripoline.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for the Minister
(sgd.) Kingsley Rookes

The Right Hon. R.G. Casey, P.C., D.S.O., M.C.,
Minister of State,
Cairo.

Office of the British Representative to the
French Committee of National Liberation,
Algiers.

R.M./47/7.
No. 31.

22nd October, 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to our previous correspondence concerning the repatriation of French subjects and protected persons to Cyrenaica and Tripolitania and to inform you that the British military authorities in Tripolitania understand from an advance party of three French Jews who have arrived at the frontier that 772 refugees destined for Tripolitania are following them. The British authorities wish to ensure that none of these 772 persons leave Tunis before the advance party have been examined, since it cannot be assumed that a general permission for entry will be granted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for the Minister,
(sgd.) Kingsley Rookes

Copied to C.S. Tunis
9 M/State Cairo.
22/10

His Excellency M. René Massigli,
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

En clair.

INCOMING TELEGRAM.

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

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From: Bema, Tripolst.

To: H.M.C.G., Algiers. R. 20.10.43.

BMAT/1234 19

Copied.
Resident
Minister.

SECRET.

To HBM Consul General Tunis reptd Ministate Algiers rptd Civ Affairs Mideast from Bema Tripolst.

BZAL200/X pass to 2nd addressee pass to A/C Algiers pass 1st and wnd adds GR75.

My 938 of 2 Sept addressed Algiers repd Tunis. Understand advance party three French Jews have arrived at frontier and state 772 destined for Tripoli are following. Please ensure that none of these 772 leave Tunis before we examine these three persons and learn their mission. It should not be assumed that permission will be granted THI 1201145B THI Cabbiz 1550

Dft & C.F.A.
D. 21/10
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COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
DE LA
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

Commissariat aux
Affaires Etrangères
Direction Politique
Afrique-Asie-Océanie.

N° 9666/A.E.
A RAPPELER

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

MP/TP.
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19 OCT 1943

ALGER, LE 194

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Se référant à sa note nº 5861 du 19 Août, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de faire parvenir sous ce pli à Monsieur MACMILLAN la deuxièmeliste des sujets et protégés français, réfugiés en Algérie, qui sollicitent l'autorisation de rejoindre leurs foyers en Cyrénaïque.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait obligé à Monsieur MACMILLAN de lui faire savoir, aussitôt que faire se pourra, si les autorités britanniques donnent leur assentiment au rapatriement des personnes dont il s'agit./.

Dfr 6 Ministère Caire
D. 21/10

Voir 48.
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Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN, M.P.

Représentant du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté
Britannique auprès du Comité Français de la
Libération Nationale,
5, Rue du Professeur Curtillet, 5
ALGER.

GOUVERNEMENT GENERAL
DE L'ALGERIE

SECRÉTARIAT GENERALE

Liste n°2 des réfugiés repliés en Algérie sollicitant leur retour en CYRENAIQUE, où ils étaient précédemment domiciliés

Nom	Prénoms	Date et lieu de naissance	Profession	Nombre d'enfants qui l'accompagnent	Domicile qu'il désire regagner	Commune d'accueil en Algérie	Observations	Numéro d'ordre
BARANES	Sasi	I90I Tripoli	Pâtissier	I	Benghazi, via Stagnini n° I	Oran		526
BARANES	Elisa	I900 Benghazi	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	527
BARANES	Llafo	I928 Benghazi	d°		d°	d°	fils	528
BARANES	Masi	I886 Tripoli	d°		d°	d°	grand'mère	529
TAMMAN	Nessim	20 sept. I882 Benghazi	Tailleur		Benghazi, I2I via S. Francisco d'Assisi	d°		530
TAMMAN	Klafo	I923 Benghazi	Tailleur	I	Benghazi Piazza Municipio n°I0	d°		531
TAMMAN	Esther	I922 Benghazi	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	532
TAMMAN	Khammous	I897 Benghazi	Menuisier	I	d°	d°		533
TAMMAN	Esther	I9I3 Benghazi	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	534

11 personnes

COPY

Liste No.1 - Maroc

RECENSEMENT DES REFUGIES LIBYENS DE NATIONALITE MAROCAINE ET RESIDENCE A CASABLANCA.

Nom et Prénom	Composition de la famille.	Adresse à Casablanca	Profession actuelle du Chef de famille	Ancienne résidence et ancienne profession en Lyréanique
1 - ABBES BEN MOHAMED DAOUDI	4	Espagnol, rue 49, No.8.	Epicier agréé	BENGHAZI - Cordonnier
2 - MOHAMED BEN HADJ AHMED	2	Chorfa, rue 26, No.1.	" "	BENGHAZI - Commerçant en bestiaux
3 - MOHAMED BEN HADJ DJILLALI	3	Espagnol, rue 49, No.8.	marc. Beign.	BARCE - Commerçant de bestiaux
4 - MUSTAPHA BEN HADJ DRISS	4	Chorfa, rue 9, No.25	Macon	BENGHAZI - Macon commerçant épicier
5 - ABDELLAH B/ AHMED DIOURI	5	Chorfa, rue 26, No.1.	Fripier	BENGHAZI - Commerçant épicier
6 - HADJ ALI BEN MOHAMED	5	" " "	sans prof.	BARCE - Cafetier
7 - MAHMOUD B/ HADJ EMBAREK	7	" " "	" "	BARCE - Agent de Police
8 - LARBI B/ HADJ M'HAMED	3	" " "	" "	BENGHAZI - Commerçant de bestiaux
9 - DJILLALI B/ HADJ AHMED	6	" " "	" "	BENGHAZI - Macon
10 - AHMED BEN MOHAMED DADSI	6	" " "	" "	BENGHAZI - Infirmier
11 - MOHAMED BEN HADJ ALI	4	" " "	TTav. Améri.	BENGHAZI - Infirmier
12 - SALAH BEN HADJ MANJOUB	3	Tolba, rue 25, No.3	do	BARCE - Chauffeur
13 - AHMED B/ HADJ ALI DJEBLI	6	Tolba, rue II, No.5	Charretier	BENGHAZI - Charretier
14 - ABDELKADER BEN KHAIAT	4	Chorfa, rue 26, No.1.	Employé avec son cousin commerçant en tissus	BENGHAZI - Epicier.

GOUVERNEMENTG GENERAL
DE L'ALGERIE

Direction de la
Sécurité Générale

(No 1. To be kept at Tripoli to be repatriated to Tripolitania & Cyrenaica
Resdt.-Gen. at Tunis D.14/10)

No Cyrenaica
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Liste (n° 2) des réfugiés repliés en ALGERIE sollicitant leur retour en CYRENAIQUE, où ils étaient précédemment domiciliés

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HAGGIAG	Jacob	I893 à Tripoli	Bijoutier	3	Derna, rue de la Synagogue	Orleansville		50I
HAGGIAG	Sassia	I900 Benghazi	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	502
TAYAR	Léon	I925 Benghazi	Employé de commerce		BARCE, via Mohamed Skoura	Laghouat		503
TAYAR	Meyer	I894 Bënghazi	Boucher	2	d°	d°		504
TAYAR	Julia	I897 Benghazi			d°	d°	épouse du précédent	505
TAYAR	Sion	I86I Benghazi	marchand ambulant		d°	d°		506
TAYAR	Aaron	I90I Benghazi	menuisier		Benghazi, via Médoni n°27	d°		507
TAYAR	Sarina				d°	d°	épouse du précédent	508
TAYAR	Elie	I922 Benghazi	Tailleur		BARCE, vis Mohamed Skoura n°I5	d°		509
LAICHE	ben Mohamed	I923 Benghazi	Journalier		Benghazi	Constantine		5I0
SADEINA	Mousbah	I902 à Bardia			d°	d°	mérè du précédent	5II
EL MABROUK	Mohammed	I900 Benghazi	cultivateur		d°	d°		5I2
ZEINAB	Saad	I9I8 Benghazi	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	5I3
GUETTA	Quintina	I6 juin I896 Tripoli	Commerçant	8	d°	Guelma		5I4
GUETTA	Kenia	I0 mars I907 Benghazi	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	5I5
EL GHEZEYYEL	Chemouel	II mai I893 Tripoli	Bijoutier	6	Benghazi, I2 via Lanizat	Mostaganem		5I6
EL GHEZEYYEL	Snisha	I907 Tripoli	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	5I7
EL GHEZEYYEL	Zohra	I876 Tripoli	sans		d°	d°	belle-mère	5I8
EL GHEZEYYEL	Louli	I926 Tripoli			d°	d°		5I9
BRAMLI	Rhamine	I893 Benghazi	commerçant	6	Benghazi Appolonia via Tunis	d°		520
BRAMLI	Mautina	I9I6 Benghazi	sans		d°	d°	épouse du précédent	52I
BRAMLI	Elie	I4 juillet I899 Benghazi	commerçant	4	Benghazi	Constantine 33 Bd Pasteur		522
BRAMLI	Clémentine	35 ans			d°	d°	épouse du précédent	523
BERRIM	El Aid	I900 El Oued	Négociant	2	d°	Tebessa		524
BERRIM	Bachat				d°	d°	épouse du précédent	525

25 adults

31 children
25
56 total

J.T./L.

liste n° 1 - Maroc

RECENSEMENT DES REFUGIES LIBYENS DE NATIONALITE

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4 - MUSTAPHA BEN HADJ DRISS	4	Chorfa, rue 9, N° 25	Maçon	BENGHAZI - Maçon
5 - ABDELLAH B/ AHMED DIOURI	5	Chorfa, rue 26, N° I	Fripier	BENGHAZI - Commerçant épicier
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II - MOHAMED Ben HADJ ALI	4	" " "	TRav. Améri.	BENGHAZI - Infirmier
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Cypher.

INCOMING TELEGRAM ~~MINISTER~~ RESIDENT'S COPY

47/7 424

From: Minister of State, Cairo. D.0100 19.10.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 0900 19.10.43.

Resmin 278 (18.10.43)

Repeated to Foreign Office, Saving.

My telegram No. 1722 to Foreign Office. 6

Headquarters of British Military Administration Cyrenaica have received from Tunis Authorities the first batch of requests from French subjects mostly Jews who were removed from Cyrenaica to Tunisia in 1942 by the Italian authorities and who now wish to return to Benghazi and Barce. The President of the Jewish Community in Benghazi has also asked for return of Jews who have exhausted their funds. Civil Affairs officers at both places named are prepared to receive these persons and DCCAO is in favour of repatriation on the same terms as other destitute repatriations. They can only return by sea.

2. I should be grateful if you could ascertain

a) whether all Jews formerly resident in Cyrenaica wish to return

b) What proportion of the whole will need financial assistance on their return to Cyrenaica

c) What arrangements can be made to transport them from Tunisia.

3. It is considered that transport and costs of repatriation should be provided by the French authorities.

M. Sidon says - all Jews who wish to return → Data available 80% suffering

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See minute attached and draft to C.F.A. 20/10

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See reply at 54

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Office of the British Representative to the
French Committee of National Liberation,
ALGIERS.

R.N./47/7
No. 1.

14th October, 1943.

Sir,

32.

With reference to paragraph 4 of my telegram No. 44 of the 11th September containing text of telegram to B.E.M.A., Tripbase, which was repeated to H.M. Consul-General, Tunis, I ... 41 have the honour to enclose herein copy of a first list of French subjects and protected persons who have taken refuge in Algeria and who desire to return to their homes in Cyrenaica. This list, drawn up by the Government-General of Algeria, has been submitted to us by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs. A further list will be submitted as soon as the necessary particulars have been collected.

2. I should be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible whether the repatriation of these persons is approved.

3. I am sending copies of this despatch to H.M. Consul-General, Tunis, and B.E.M.A., Tripbase.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(for the Minister)

(sgd.) Duncannon.

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The Right Hon. R.G. Casey, P.C., D.S.O., M.C.,
Minister of State,
Cairo.

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Office of the British Representative to the
French Committee of National Liberation,
ALGIERS.

R.M./47/7.
No. 26.

14th October, 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication 9152/A.E., of the 13th October, concerning the repatriation of French subjects and protected persons to Cyrenaica.

2. Copies of the list enclosed have been forwarded to the Minister of State in Cairo, His Majesty's Consul-General, Tunis and British Military Administration, Tripolitania.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for the Minister,

KG

His Excellency Monsieur René Massigli,
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

MP/TP

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COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
DE LA
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

Commissariat aux
Affaires Etrangères

Direction Politique
Afrique - Asie - Océanie.

N° 9152 /A.E.

A RAPPELER

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

ALGER, LE 13 OCT 1943 194

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Se référant à sa note n° 5861 du 19 Août, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de faire parvenir sous ce pli à Monsieur MACMILLAN la première liste des sujets et protégés français, refugiés en Algérie, qui sollicitent l'autorisation de rejoindre leurs foyers en Cyrénaïque.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait obligé à Monsieur MACMILLAN de lui faire savoir aussitôt que faire se pourra si les autorités britanniques donnent leur assentiment au rapatriement des personnes dont il s'agit./.

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Spoke Balai. A further list will be submitted in due course as soon as full particulars have been collected by Govt.-Gen.

See 83.

Draft to Cairo. — 43

Ack. — 42

D. 14/10

REC 14/18

Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN M.P.
Représentant du Gouvernement de S.M. Britannique
auprès du Comité Français de la Libération
Nationale.

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Office of the British Representative to the
French Committee of National Liberation,

ALGIERS.

RM/47/7
No. 24.

6th October, 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of and to thank you for your note No. 8325/A.E. of the 2nd October, the contents of which have been noted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

KP 9/10

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

MP/IS

COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
DE LA
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

Commissariat
aux Affaires Etrangères

Direction Politique
Afrique - Asie - Océanie

N° 8325 /A.E.
A RAPPELER

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

Recd. 4/10 39 47/7

ALGER, LE - 2 OCT 1943 194

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Par note N° 6699 du 6 Septembre, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères avait fait savoir à Monsieur MACMILLAN que M. BERQUE, Directeur des Affaires Musulmanes au Gouvernement Général de l'Algérie, avait été chargé, en ce qui concerne l'Algérie, de la question du rapatriement en Libye des sujets et protégés français.

Aux termes d'une communication récente du Général CATROUX, il résulte que le règlement de cette question ressortira désormais à M. BRINGARD, Directeur de la Sécurité Générale./.

Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN M.P.
Représentant du Gouvernement britannique
auprès du C.F.L.N.

A L G E R

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British Consulate-General

Tunis

Ist October I943

With the compliments

of

His Majesty's Consul-General

to The Resident Minister

Algiers

B.M.A. Tripoli would be
chooses!

Duncan 4/10

M. Addis (a return). KCR 4/10.

BJ/OF

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British Consulate-General,

Tunis.

1st October 1943

not to be circulated

Sir,

With reference to your letter N°BMA/T/26/B/8 of 24th. September I have the honour to inform you that during Major Urquhart's recent visit to Tunis the Residency General protested informally against what they thought was his intention to take back to Tripolitania only able-bodied men and to leave their women and children behind. At the Major's request the Chef du Bureau Diplomatique was informed that any married man accepted would be accompanied by his wife, children and other dependents who had followed him to Tunisia. I would deprecate any failure to put this promise into effect should the persons to whom you refer fall into this category.

2. - Moreover the Resident General in his note N° MP 3025 of 30th.August requested me to arrange for the repatriation to Tripolitania of Italians of the following categories:-

(a) Persons originally from Tunisia who had left the country before 8th.November 1942 without any intention of returning.

(b) Workers employed by the Axis forces.

(c) Families fleeing from the zone of operations who had taken refuge in Tunisia.

In his note the Resident General makes it clear that the continued presence of these persons does in fact cause considerable inconvenience. In reply I requested information as to the numbers involved but this has not yet been received.

3.- The Resident General attaches great importance to the repatriation of both French and Italians to Libya from Tunisia and I should like to give him some measure of satisfaction if only to encourage him to be more helpful himself over other matters. I am asking him for the information you require and I hope you will be able eventually to agree to the return of at least the women and children you mention.

4. - I am sending a copy of this letter to the Resident Minister at Algiers.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant.

(Sgd.) R. G. Monypenny.

The D.C.C.A.O.,
H.Q., B.M.A.,
Tripolitania.

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

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47/7

SAVINGRAM.

From: Mr. Makins (Resmin), Algiers.

To: Minister of State, Cairo.

Date: 27th September, 1943.

No: Saving Resmin 15.

My telegram No. 237. -27

At suggestion of H.M. Consul-General, Tunis, Swiss Consul is now endorsing identity documents issued by him with the words "non valable pour l'entrée en Tripolitaine sans le visa militaire britannique."

KGP 29/9

47/7/36

Mr. Gordon of the Relief Department of N.A.E.B. accompanied by two of his assistants called to-day on the subject of refugees in Algeria eligible for repatriation to Tripolitania and Cyrenaica.

2. His two assistants were about to make a tour, with the agreement of the French authorities, in the neighbourhood of Constantine, Oran and Algiers, to obtain particulars of the refugees. Before going they would like to know

(a) Whether there was any alteration of the position as regards entry into Tripolitania and Cyrenaica.

(b) Whether there were any special particulars which it would be desirable to obtain, and

(c) Whether they should get into contact with the Field Security Police before they left.

3. On the first point I replied in the negative. On the second point I said that they should bear in mind that ~~for~~ Cyrenaica the particulars would have to be forwarded to the British military administration for transfer for entry in each particular case. They should therefore endeavo to obtain particulars which would enable the persons in question to be easily identifiable in Cyrenaica.

4. On the third point I said that I thought it would certainly be advisable for them to see the Field Security Police in order to ascertain the sort of information which the F.S.P. require for vetting individuals.

5. I said I would let Mr. Gordon know as soon as there was any information about the re-opening of the Tripolitanian frontier.

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KP 29/9

28th September, 1943.

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British Consulate-General,

Tunis

23rd September 1943

With the compliments

of

His Majesty's Consul-General

to Kingsley Rooker Esq.,

Algiers

Gen. papers 26 & 27. FP - KR 20/9
I think we might pass
this on to Cairo saving. Draft.
J.M. Adams
Sept. 27th.

Tel. sent - No 37

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CONSULAT DE SUISSE

TUNIS

Tunis le 22 septembre 1943

QQ.41/1/ FL.

Monsieur le Consul Général,

J'ai eu l'honneur de recevoir votre lettre du 20 de ce mois, concernant les laissez-passer délivrés par mon Consulat à des Tripolitains et je ne manquerai pas à l'avenir de donner suite à votre suggestion en inscrivant sur chacun de ces documents la mention:

" NON VALABLE POUR L'ENTREE EN TRIPOLITAINE SANS
" LE VISA MILITAIRE BRITANNIQUE."

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Consul Général, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Le Consul de Suisse:

signé Petitmermet

Monsieur le Consul-Général
de Sa Majesté Britannique
Tunis

See No 26 & 27.

Office of the British Representative to
the French Committee of National Liberation.
Algiers.

18th September 1943.

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R.M./47/7.

N013

RJ 37

Sir,

With reference to my note of the 23rd August, I have the honour to inform you that the British military authorities at Tripoli have suggested that a French official should be sent to consult with them regarding the arrangements for the repatriation of French refugees to Tripolitania and Cyrenaica.

2. I should be glad to learn whether the French authorities are willing to accept this suggestion.

3. I should add that it has still not been found possible to re-open the Tunisian-Tripolitanian frontier.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for the Minister.

Kingsley Rooker.

Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

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FROM EMMA TRIPBASE

TO RESIDENT MINISTER AT AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: EMA/T/984 Sept 16, 1943

see No 30

2819 thank you.

Suggest FRENCH authorities send Officer here to consult as to arrangements for TRIPOLITANIA and CYRENAICA. In meantime suggest arrangements remain in suspense. My EMA/T/889 not now relavent.

See 24 not received

2819 ORIG BY BCLO RESIDENT MINISTER SEP 11

Draft to CFA-34
JM Adams
Sept 17th.

ACTION: MR. MAC MILLAN

INFORMATION: BCLO

MC IN 9575 16 SEP 43 2246B Ref No: EMA/T/984 jcWJM

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

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32 47/7

From: Resident Minister, Algiers. D. 1145 12.9.43.

To: H.M.Consul, Tunis.

Resmin 44 (11.9.43)

Following is repetition of telegram sent 30
by me to Tripbase.

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COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
DE LA
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

Commissariat
aux Affaires Etrangères

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

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Recd 9/9

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ALGER, LE 6 Septembre 1943

47/7

N° 6699 /A.E.
A RAPPELER

No 16

En se référant à sa note N° 5867 du I9 août dernier, le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de faire savoir à Monsieur MACMILLAN que des instructions ont été données tant par le Gouverneur Général de l'Algérie que par le Résident Général de France à Tunis en vue de réunir aussi rapidement que possible les dossiers des ressortissants et protégés français réfugiés en Algérie et en Tunisie et désireux de regagner leur foyer en Libye.

Le Général MAST communiquera à bref délai au commandement britannique les noms des personnes originaires de Tripolitaine, de telle sorte que tous éclaircissements concernant les intéressés seront entre les mains des autorités compétentes, lorsque celles-ci croiront pouvoir ouvrir de nouveau la frontière tuniso-libyenne aux réfugiés qui ne sont pas des ouvriers qualifiés pour les industries de guerre.

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En ce qui concerne les personnes domiciliées précédemment en Cyrénaïque, le Commissariat ne manquera pas de communiquer leurs dossiers à Monsieur MACMILLAN aux fins d'examen.

Le Général CATROUX et le Général MAST ont chargé de s'occuper desdits réfugiés, en ce qui concerne l'Algérie et la Tunisie, d'une part M. BERQUE, directeur des Affaires musulmanes au Gouvernement Général de l'Algérie et d'autre part, M. Marcel CORBES, chef du Bureau au service central du Secrétariat Général à Tunis et M. HERMET,

/...

Au Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN M.P.
Ministre Résident du Gouvernement
Britannique
5, rue du Professeur Curtillet
ALGER

Sec 39.

son adjoint. Ces fonctionnaires ont reçu, en particulier, pour instructions de visiter les camps d'hébergement et d'améliorer, le cas échéant, leurs conditions d'installation. Ils auront également qualité pour se concerter pour toutes ces questions avec les autorités britanniques compétentes, ainsi qu'avec les représentants de l'"Office of Rehabilitation and Relief" et de l'"American Joint distribution committee", pour ce qui est de l'assistance et des secours aux réfugiés.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères renouvelle à Monsieur MACMILLAN l'expression du vif désir du Comité de la Libération de pouvoir rapatrier à bref délai en Libye tous les Français qui y étaient précédemment établis et il émet le voeu que les autorités britanniques jugeront possible de rouvrir prochainement la frontière tuniso-libyenne.

M

~~Formal acknowledgement~~

and copy to H. M. Consul - General Tunis is, I think, all the action necessary.

Eden.
13/9.

J.M.Addis
Sept. 10th.

KG 10/9

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TELEGRAM

TRIPBASE

To be despatched
through A.F.H.Q.
by Mr. Addis.

Repeat to H.M. Consul-General, TUNIS.

Copy taken to AFHQ for despatch.
JRA 8/9

No 29

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RB 9/9.

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From BEMA TRIPBASE 021800B

Action MINISTER OF STATE ALGIERS

Info H B M CONSUL GENERAL TUNIS

47/7

BMA/T/938

not received

Further to my signal BMA/T/889 of the 30th AUG (.) FRENCH repatriates:— I must emphasise essential (.) ONE (.) advance party containing one offr at least should precede repatriates in order to make arrangements food staging camps etc (.) TWO (.) that tpt with which they come must be available to take them to destinations within the territory outside TRIPOLI city (.) THREE (.) distinction must be made between TRIPOLITANIA AND CYRENAICA - BENGHAZI is 650 miles from TRIPOLI and under a different administration (.) repatriates to CYRENAICA should either go by sea or should continue in TUNISIAN tpt (.) experience of repatriation to CYRENAICA from here has shown that elaborate staging arrangements are needed on this route to avoid hardship and worse (.) in addition CYRENAICA demands complete disinfestation before entry from this territory (.) the precedure takes at least 14 days (.) FOUR (.) it must be clearly understood (A) that the food situation here is exceedingly tight (.) the whole urban population is rationed and the rural shortly will be (.) further more there is NO prospect of the situation improving in the near future (B) BENGHAZI is badly damaged and the housing situation in TRIPOLI city gives reason for anxiety

Draft reply JMA Sept. 7th. KR 10/9

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Fls 28.

Secret Personal

[redacted]

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE
10, SHARIA TOLUMBAT,
CAIRO.

September 1st 1943

Dear Makins,

N° 24.

Bennett has passed me your letter R.M./47/7 regarding the return of French citizens and others to Tripolitania and Cyrenaica.

We have no wish to encourage the Joint Distribution Committee to assist particularly in the matter of the return of these persons to their homes, as it is mainly, if not wholly, a Jewish body whose interest is almost certainly part of the Jewish Agency's attempt to "Zionize" the North African Jews.

I am informing Civil Affairs, General Headquarters of your letter and my reply.

Yours sincerely,
Harold Macmillan

R.M. Makins Esq.,
Office of the Resident Minister,
ALGIERS.

Then we must do our best to stall.

H Macmillan
Sept. 5th.

Mr Makins

6/9.

KCR 6/9

Cypher

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

From: Resident Minister, Algiers. 1010 2.9.43.

To: Minister of State, Cairo.

Resmin 237 (1.9.43)

My telegram No. 225. — N°22

Swiss Consul at Tunis has informed H.M. Consul General that only documents he has issued are identity documents which do not purport to give right to enter Tripolitania or to leave Tunisia. Documents seen by Consul-General confirm this explanation.

RR 2/9

Consulate General asked to repeat to F.O.

Repeated to F.O. as Resmin 1650 (3.9.43). 2/9

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Sent with file KR

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
TUNIS.

30th., August 1943

Dear Rooker,

No 20

Your letter nº R.M.47/7 of 24th., August to the Consul-General.

The Swiss Consul assures us that the laissez-passer issued by his Consulate are merely identity documents and do not purport to give the right to enter Tripolitania or leave Tunisia. This story is borne out by the form of such laissez-passer as I have seen.

Many thanks for the information about the general question of return to Libya, which we have embodied in a note to the Resident General who is interesting himself in this question.

Yours ever

Bruce Hoke

This might as well be reported to Cairo & London.

J.M. Addis
Sept. 1st.

Kingsley Rooker Esq.,
Algiers.

See No 27

Ref. KR 1/9

25A

R.M./47/7.

Record of Conversation.

Reference Cairo telegram No.226.

In the absence of M. Balaj who normally deals with this question in the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, I spoke this morning to M. Meyrier, the newly appointed Director of Political Affairs for Africa, Asia and the Pacific. He was not fully acquainted with the problem but said that he would telephone at once to Balaj, who was with M. Massigli in Tunis, and ask that instructions be given to delay the departure of the 772 repatriates.

2. He added, however, that he believed that the conditions under which these repatriates were now living were probably just as bad as those in which they would be living in their own homes in Tripolitania. He also said that he considered any delay in repatriating these French men curious, in view of the fact that Tripolitania had ~~now~~ been "liberated" by British forces. He felt that it would be bad propaganda for us to delay admitting these Frenchmen much longer. I told M. Meyrier that the reasons for closing the frontier were probably of an operational character and that it was clearly important to ensure that the Civil Affairs authorities in Tripolitania could feed the repatriates on arrival. M. Meyrier expressed agreement on these points, but I did not feel confident that his suspicions had been altogether allayed.

3. I asked M. Meyrier to let us have a note on the subject as soon as he had taken the matter up with Balaj and the authorities in Tunis.

Duncan

KP 30/8

30th August, 1943.

Cypher IMMEDIATE

INCOMING TELEGRAM MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY 25

From: Minister of State, Cairo. D. 1429 29.8.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 1510 29.8.43.

Resmin 226 (29.8.43)

French Military Security authorities Tunis have informed Security authorities Tripolitania that they are repatriating 772 French and Tunisian subjects (180 families) deported by the Italians in July 1942. Frontier is still closed as notified to you in my telegram No. 212 and I should be grateful if arrival of these repatriates could be delayed until civil affairs, Tripolitania, can make sure that they can feed them.

No 11

Le Bourgeois. Urgent.

See papers 13 - speak to F.A. and ask them to delay reference to our Note of Aug. 20th

KCR 29/8

See minute attached.

D.

Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, Rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

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R.M./47/7. 26th August, 1943.

M021

You will have seen the correspondence ending with our telegram No.226 concerning the return of French citizens and protected persons resident in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica who took refuge in North Africa.

2. I think you should know that the representative of the Office of Rehabilitation and Relief (the Lehman organisation) and, more particularly, the representative of the Joint Distribution Committee who works here hand in glove with the Lehman organisation, keep on offering (a) to accompany the returning refugees and (b) to assist in their re-settlement and re-adaptation. The Joint Distribution Committee say that they have ample funds for this purpose.

3. The Joint Distribution Committee have been very active here in organising the refugees, who are mostly Jews, and instilling a corporate feeling into them.

4. As I have no idea to what extent you wish to encourage the Joint Distribution Committee to become active in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, I have contented myself with saying that I feel sure that all the necessary arrangements will be made by the British authorities concerned, provided they are notified of the date of arrival of the different parties.

5. If you would like me to say something different, perhaps you would let me know.

KG 20/8

John Bennett Esq.,
Minister of State's Office.

Roger Makins.

See No 28

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I attended a meeting at the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs to-day attended by Mr. Reber, Captain Warburg, Mr. Gordon of O.F.R.R.O, Mr. Horowitz of the Joint Distribution Committee, and M. Balay of the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs.

2. It was agreed that the question of repatriation of French citizens and protected persons from Algeria and Tunisia to Tripolitania and Cyrenaica was a matter for arrangement between the official authorities on both sides. Lists would be drawn up by the French authorities and presented to the British authorities in Tripoli and to the British authorities in Cairo as soon as possible. As movement to Cyrenaica was possible whereas movement to Tripoli was held up, it was suggested that priority should be given to the Cyrenaican lists.

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3. As regards relief, it was agreed that OFRRO and the Joint Distribution Committee should concert with the local French authorities. M. Balay promised to furnish the names of the officials charged with these questions ~~xx~~ whom the representatives of the associations should approach in Algiers and Tunis.

4. The representatives of OFRRO, and particularly of the Joint Distribution Committee, offered (a) to accompany the returning immigrants to Cyrenaica and Tripolitania and (b) to help to relieve them and adapt them to their old homes after they had arrived. It was made clear that the responsibility of OFRRO stopped at the Tripoli frontier.

5. Mr. Gordon said that some skilled workers useful to the war effort had already been repatriated to Tripoli by arrangement with the British authorities.

KG 26/8

25th August, 1943.

Cypher

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

From: Resident Minister, Algiers. 1010 24.8.43

To: Minister of State, Cairo.

Resmin 225 (23.8.43)

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 1541.

Your telegram No. 216.

I am asking H.M. Consul-General at Tunis to request his Swiss colleague to desist.

Code. OUTGOING TELEGRAM.

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

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From: Resident Minister, Algiers. D.0930 24.8.43.

To: Minister of State, Cairo.

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Resmin 226 (23.8.43)

Repeated to Foreign Office. No. 1542.

Your telegram No. 219 paragraph one. No 17

Yes.

Office of the Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

R.M/47/7. 24th August, 1943.

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According to a report received by the Civil Affairs Branch of G.H.Q., Middle East, the Swiss Consulate at Tunis have taken it upon themselves to issue a number of laissez passers to Tripolitanian Arabs and others permitting them to enter Tripolitania. This has caused considerable embarrassment to the British military administration in Tripolitania.

We should be grateful if you would inform your Swiss colleague in suitable terms that the question of transit or repatriation from Tunisia to Tripolitania is a matter to be decided between the French Administration in Tunisia and the British military authorities in Tripolitania; he himself has no right to authorise entry into Tripolitania (or for that matter exit from Tunisia).

I find that through an oversight we have not kept you informed of the progress of the question of the repatriation of French Tripolitanian and Cyrenaican refugees in Tunisia. I therefore enclose for your information a note setting out what has happened so far.

Kingsley Rooker.

H.R.D. Gybbon-Monypenny, Esq. O.B.E.

See No 26

N O T E

In a note dated June 24th, Monsieur Massigli informed the Resident Minister that there were in Tunisia about a thousand French subjects and protected persons who were expelled from their homes in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica by the Italians in July and August 1942 and that he would like to meet the wishes of those amongst them who requested to be repatriated.

2. This note was referred by the Resident Minister to the Minister of State at Cairo who, after consultation with G.H.Q. Middle East, replied (1) that there was no objection to repatriation to Tripolitania provided that the frontier control measures concerted between the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Tripolitania, and the French authorities were respected; it would be most convenient if repatriation were arranged locally between the appropriate authorities in Tunisia and Tripolitania; (2) that repatriation to ~~Tripolitania~~ Cyrenaica overland was impossible owing to lack of transport but would be feasible by sea, provided that the names of the individuals were supplied in advance to the military authorities in the Middle East; permission would be granted or refused after each case had been examined individually. The French Committee of National Liberation were informed accordingly.

On August 16th the Minister of State, Cairo, reported that it had been decided as a temporary measure to close the Tripolitanian frontier to all immigrants with the exception of skilled workers essential to the war effort. The reason for this measure was the shortage of food and accommodation and the lack of transport in Tripolitania. The arrangements for repatriation to Cyrenaica by sea could, however, continue. The French Committee of National Liberation were informed accordingly.

The Minister of State also informed the Resident Minister that in view of the large number of applicants for repatriation from Tunisia, the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer in Tripolitania proposed at a later date to send an offic[illegible] Tunisia to deal with applications to enter Tripolitani[illegible]

Office of the Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

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R.M./47/7.

23rd August, 1943.

NOTE

Mr. Macmillan acknowledges with thanks the receipt of Monsieur Massigli's note No. 5801/A./. of the 19th August, regarding the repatriation of French refugees in Tunisia to their homes in Libya.

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2. Monsieur Massigli will since have received Mr. Macmillan's note of the 20th August informing him that repatriation to Tripolitania must be postponed for the time being.

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3. The arrangements for repatriation to Cyrenaica may however proceed on the lines agreed in Mr. Macmillan's note of the 27th July and Monsieur Massigli's of the 19th August.

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No16

Commissariat for Foreign Affairs.

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

Cypher. INCOMING TELEGRAM.

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From: Foreign Office. London. D. 1445 21.8.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R.0900 22.8.43.

Resmin 1669 (21.8.43)

Addressed Minister of State, Cairo telegram No. 2,634 August 21st repeated Resident Minister, Algiers.

Your telegram No. 212. – No 11

I trust that subject to any observations the the Resident Minister Algiers may have to offer you will bear in mind the desirability on general grounds of French Jews referred to in my telegram no. 224 August 16th being allowed to return to their homes as soon as conditions make it possible on lines indicated in CABMEF note to the Embassy Cairo 11,286/243/CA of July 16th.

We have been handling this question without racial discrimination.

No action necessary.

J. McA.
Aug. 23rd.

KR 23/8

Cypher. INCOMING TELEGRAM. MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY 17/7

From: Cairo. Minister of State. D. 1343 21.8.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 2125 21.8.43.

Resmin 219 (20.8.43)

Addressed to Resident Minister, Algiers.
telegram 219 August 20th repeated to Foreign Office.

Your telegram 1,148 to Foreign Office. wrong ref. ? 1460 - No 12

I presume that the French authorities have since been informed as requested in my telegram 212. No 11

Although Tripolitania is temporarily closed as described therein, I understand that refugees should be able to return by sea to Cyrenaica subject to conditions in para. 3 of my telegram 1,722 to the Foreign Office.

No 6

An abominable telegram.

Paragraph one is a piece of impertinence. Draft reply.

As regards paragraph two, we want to know the facts not what Mr. Casey understands the fact might be.

However we can tell the French that arrangements for repatriation to Cyrenaica can continue. Draft.

J.M. Adams
Aug. 23rd.

question of drafting KR 23/8

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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
DE LA
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

Commissariat
aux Affaires Etrangères

N° 5807 /A.E.

ALGER, LE 19 Août 1943

47/7.16

N°8

A la date du 27 Juillet dernier Monsieur MACMILLAN a bien voulu faire part au Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères des dispositions prises par les autorités britanniques en vue du rapatriement en Libye des ressortissants et protégés français domiciliés antérieurement dans ce pays et réfugiés actuellement en Algérie et en Tunisie.

Dès que les autorités françaises compétentes auront indiqué les noms des intéressés, le Commissariat ne manquera pas de les communiquer à Monsieur MACMILLAN. Les personnes originaires de Tripolitaine seront rapatriées dès que leur transport aura été organisé par le Général MAST et le commandement britannique. En ce qui concerne les réfugiés de Cyrénaïque, chaque cas d'espèce fera l'objet d'un examen particulier et le retour des personnes autorisées à regagner leurs foyers s'effectuera par mer.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de remercier Monsieur MACMILLAN de son intervention auprès des autorités britanniques en vue d'organiser lesdits rapatriements et lui serait reconnaissant d'appeler leur attention sur le désir du Comité de la Libération d'assurer le prompt retour des réfugiés en Libye./.

A son Excellence Monsieur MACMILLAN
Ministre Plénipotentiaire

ALGER

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Mr Rucker

2nd Secretary

KR 24/8

This evidently crossed our Note of 20 Aug. (p. 13).
It looks as though the Swiss Consulate's doubtful action (p.15) may have brought about the departure of the "first batch" which de Charbonnière informed us had already left (p.12). No further action at present.
But what will be the fate of any which may already have left by sea? D. 22/8

Cypher

INCOMING TELEGRAM. MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

From: Minister of State, Cairo. D. 2150 18.8.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 0900 19.8.43.

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Resmin 216 (18.8.43)

Addressed to Resident Minister, Algiers, telegram No. 216 of August 18th, repeated to Foreign Office.

My telegram No. 212. — N° 11

I learn from the same source that Swiss Consulate at Tunis has issued a number of laisser-passer to Tri..... Arabs and others for the purpose of entering Tri..... This practice has caused considerable embarrassment to British military administration.

2. I understand that the Swiss Consulate at Tunis is superintended from London, but I should be grateful if you would have them informed of the situation. If they do not desist, Foreign Office will no doubt take up the matter.

See minute at 16 and draft letter to

Mr. Moneypenny.

I find we have never kept Mr. M informed on this whole question. He ought to be an accountant, in case Generals Mast and Clarke refer to him.

J M Addis
Aug. 23rd.

See No 20022

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

Cypher. OUTGOING TELEGRAM.

L 214

From: Resident Minister, Algiers. D. 20.00 20.8.43.

To: Minister of State, Cairo.

Resmin 220 (20.8.43) 1472/7

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 1522 Resmin.

Your telegram No. 212. N°11

French authorities have been informed of the closure of frontier.

2. Does this decision apply to Cyrenaica as well as Tripolitania? There are about 200 individuals for return to Cyrenaica and it would be useful to proceed with arrangements for their journey as soon as possible, as their maintenance adds to the relief problem in North Africa.

3. Please keep me fully informed of developments and possibilities of reopening of frontier. Both French authorities, U.S. Relief authorities and Joint Distribution Committee are keenly interested in the disposal of these refugees.

Office of the Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

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R.M./15/2.

20th August, 1943.

No 8

No 1 — In his note R.M./15/2 of the 27th July, replying to Monsieur Massigli's note No. 3685/A.E. of the 24th June, Mr. Macmillan suggested that the repatriation from Tunisia of French subjects and protected persons previously domiciled in Tripolitania should, if possible, be arranged between the French authorities in Tunisia and the British military authorities in Tripolitania.

2. Mr. Macmillan has just been informed by the British authorities in the Middle East that owing to the shortage of food and accommodation in Tripolitania and the lack of transport for immigrants, it has been decided as a temporary measure to close the frontier of Tripolitania to all immigrants except skilled workers essential to the war effort.

3. Mr. Macmillan regrets that the repatriation to Tripolitania of the French refugees in Tunisia will therefore have to be postponed for the time being. He will not fail to inform Monsieur Massigli as soon as the Tripolitanian frontier is reopened.

KQ 2/8

The Commissariat of Foreign Affairs.

12A

Mr. Peiser, of the American Relief Organisation, was brought by Captain Warburg to see me three or four days ago. Mr. Peiser wanted an interview with the Minister about the arrangements concerning the Jews whom it was proposed to repatriate from Algeria and Tunisia into Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

2. Mr. Peiser already had the gist of the Minister's note to Monsieur Massigli of July 27th, and when I referred him to it he agreed that his better course was to go and see the French authorities.

3. Mr. Peiser returned today, having in the meantime seen M. Balay of the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs (African Section). M. Balay had told him that arrangements for repatriation had been concerted between the British in Tripoli and Libya and the French and that French officials were to supervise the re-establishment of the repatriated Jews at their destinations.

4. When Mr. Peiser had asked what help would be wanted from his organisation in the way of supervisory officers, money, food, clothing, etc., M. Balay had avoided the question.

5. Mr. Peiser renewed his request for an interview with the Minister and said he hoped it could be ascertained (i) exactly what plans had been made and concerted; (ii) where Mr. Peiser and his colleagues came in.

6. I think (ii) is what Mr. Peiser is really thinking about.

7. I undertook to report our conversation.

J.E.R. Wyndham

20/8/43.

I spoke to Mr Peiser & Capt Warburg today: we hope to arrange a meeting among all parties with a view to a rapprochement. Capt Warburg will first discuss with the Grand Rabbinate Committee

RW 20/8

KR 20/8

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

From: Resident Minister, Algiers. 2040 16.8.43.

To: Foreign Office, London.

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Resmin 1480 (16.8.43)

Repeated to Minister of State, Cairo, No. 217.

Your telegram No. 1583. - No 10

Assumption in first sentence of your paragraph 2 is correct. I addressed note to Commissariat for Foreign Affairs on July 27th.

2. Commissariat have today informed me that Tunis Residency has been in touch with Tripolitanian authorities and that all arrangements have been made for the first batch to leave today or tomorrow.

3. Commissariat had sent instructions to Vienot before receiving our Note of July 27th.

KP 25/8

Cypher

INCOMING TELEGRAM MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

From: Minister of State, Cairo. D. 1325 16.8.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 0900 17.8.43.

Resmin 212 (15.8.43)

Addressed to Resident Minister, Algiers, telegram No. 212 August 15th, repeated to Foreign Office 1874, Malta 18 (Foreign Office please pass), Jedda 105.

My telegram No. 1722 to London, repeated to Algiers.

Civil Affairs Branch, G.H.Q., Middle East, inform me that it has been decided as a temporary measure to close the frontier of Tripolitania to all immigrants with the exception of skilled workers essential to the war effort. The reason is shortage of food and accommodation in Tripolitania and lack of transport for immigrants. I should be grateful if you would arrange for the French authorities in Algeria and Tunisia to be informed accordingly.

2. In view of the large number of applicants, deputy chief civil affairs officer proposes at a later date to send an officer to Tunisia to deal with applications to enter Tripolitania.

3. I am repeating this telegram to H.M. representative Jedda because he had been consulting me about local Tripolitanians returning to Tripolitania.

Draft to Commissariat for Foreign Affairs. No 13

As both the Americans and French are interested in this question, we might, as a precaution, ask to be informed as soon as the frontier is reopened.

See No 14

J[illegible] Adams
Aug. 19th.

KR 20/8

Cypher

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From: Foreign Office, London. D. 1545 12.8.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 0900 13.8.43.

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Resmin 1583 (11.8.43)

Addressed to Resident Minister, Algiers, telegram No. 1583 of August 11th, repeated to Minister of State, Cairo.

No 2 N 896 (Vol II). Su "C"

Your telegram No. 177 to deputy Minister of State, Cairo.

H.M. Embassy at Cairo have sent us a copy of a note received by them from G.H.Q. Middle East stating in part that there was no objection to the return of these French citizens to their homes provided certain conditions were fulfilled and suggesting that their repatriation should be a matter for local arrangement between the authorities in Tunisia and Tripolitania.

2. I had assumed the substance of this note had been passed to you and that you had made it the basis for a reply to the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs. M. Vienot has, however, now approached us on the subject stating that the French Committee understood the matter was one which could only be settled in London.

3. What is the position?

Mr Addis - what is position. KR 16/8

But where is it? N.D. 12

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S A V I N G R A M.

From: Resident Minister, Algiers.

To: H.M. Ambassador, Cairo.

SAVING: Resmin No.1.

Date: 30th July, 1943.

No 15.

Your despatch No. 166/30/43 of July 20th.

Commissariat for Foreign Affairs informed accordingly.

2. They have meanwhile asked me to enquire what are the intentions of the competent authorities in regard to restoration of property left by these refugees in Lybia at the time of their expulsion.

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Office of the Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

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R.M./15/2. 27th July, 1943.

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Note

In their note No. 3685/A.E. of the 24th June the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs asked Mr. Macmillan to investigate the possibility of repatriating to their homes in Lybia French subjects and protected persons who had been removed by the Italians to Tunisia.

Ref No 546

2. After consulting the competent British authorities, Mr. Macmillan is glad to be able to inform the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs that there is no objection to the return of French subjects and protected persons previously domiciled in Tripolitania, provided that the frontier control measures concerted by the British military authorities with the French authorities are respected. Mr. Macmillan suggests that the repatriation of these persons should if possible be arranged between the French authorities in Tunisia and the British military authorities in Tripolitania.

3. As regards French subjects and protected persons normally domiciled in Cyrenaica the British military authorities in Cyrenaica will be asked to recommend on each case. Mr. Macmillan would therefore be glad to be provided with the names of French subjects for repatriation to Cyrenaica, together with particulars of their addresses and occupations. It will not be possible to arrange for their repatriation overland through Tripolitania owing to lack of civil transport and they must therefore return by sea as opportunity offers.

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4. In this connexion Mr. Macmillan has received a private request from five families at present living in Khenchela who wish to return to their homes in Tripoli. There would be no objection to the return of these persons to Tripoli provided that the French authorities agree and that transport could be made available. Their names

The Commissariat for Foreign Affairs.

names are:

Errebib Sion	9 people
Missa Adad Vve Hadjadj	5 people
Hamousse Naouri	3 people
Kahloune Vve Naouri	5 people
Kheiria Baranes	3 people

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D. 28/7

See also No 7 p 16

COMITÉ FRANÇAIS
DE LA
LIBÉRATION NATIONALE

COMMISSARIAT
AUX AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES
Nº 4602./AE

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Recd 28/7

Alger, le 24 Juillet 1943

? N° 3685 — N°95. No1 No8
Letter No 144.

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Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de se référer à la note nº 3.665 qu'il a adressée le 24 Juin 1943 à M. MACMILLAN au sujet des réfugiés de Lybie qui se trouvent actuellement en Afrique du Nord et souhaitent vivement rejoindre leurs foyers.

Le Gouverneur Général de l'Algérie et le Résident Général de France continuent à être saisis de nombreuses demandes de rapatriement, et de remise en possession des biens que ces réfugiés ont dû abandonner lors de leur expulsion de Lybie. En Algérie en particulier, se trouvent 500 réfugiés, d'origine israélite, dont la situation a été signalée par M. le Grand Rabbin d'Alger dans une lettre qu'il a adressée au Gouverneur Général de l'Algérie. M. EISENBETH fait valoir que ces familles établies depuis des générations en Lybie se trouvent actuellement complètement déracinées dans les localités algériennes entre lesquelles elles ont été réparties.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait très reconnaissant à M. MACMILLAN de bien vouloir intervenir à nouveau auprès des autorités britanniques compétentes et de lui faire savoir si, à sa connaissance, celles-ci seraient disposées à accorder dans un délai assez bref l'autorisation de rapatriement. Il souhaiterait également connaître les mesures que comptent prendre ces Autorités pour faciliter la restitution aux réfugiés de leurs biens.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères saisit cette occasion d'exprimer à M. MACMILLAN l'assurance de sa haute considération ./.

p.o. Hubert Guérin

Repatriation is dealt with in our note at No. 8144, which crossed this Draft to Cairo about restoration of property.
J.M.Addis
July 29th.

le Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN M.P.
Ministre Résident du Gouvernement
Britannique

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INCOMING TELEGRAM.

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From: Cairo Minister of State. D. 0006 24.7.43.

To: Resident Minister, Algiers. R. 1310 24.7.43.

U/N Resmin (23.7.43)

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1722 repeated to Resident Minister, Algiers.

Your telegram No. 2254.

It appears possible that these refugees may be included among the 1,000 mentioned in Algiers telegram No. 177 to (1 grp. undec. ? H.M. Embassy) Cairo. Whether this is so or not, I am informed by C.A.B. General Headquarters Middle East forces that the following factors govern return to Libya of all such refugees.

2. Persons normally resident in Tripolitania can be repatriated overland provided they observe frontier control ruling concerted between D.C.C.A.O. Tripolitania and French authorities in Tunis. Details could best be arranged between Tripoli and Tunis.

3. Persons normally resident in Cyrenaica would have to travel by sea as there is no adequate transport between Tripolitania and Cyrenaica. Total number and individual details of French Jews for Cyrenaica should be reported to C.A.B. who will consult D.C.C.A.O. Cyrenaica regarding their readmission to that territory.

See draft on No. 37. J.M. Agnew July 24th. JMA

See No 8

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(166/30/43)

His Majesty's Ambassador presents his compliments to

His Majesty's Minister, Algiers,

and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the under-mentioned paper.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO.

20th July 1943.

Reference to previous correspondence :

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Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From: Civil Affairs Branch G.H.Q. M.E.F.	Return of French subjects and others domiciled in Tripolitania.

Draft to Commissariat for Foreign Affairs. JMA 26th July JMA

No 8.4

See also No 3 157

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No. 11286/243/CA,
CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH,
GHQ. MEF.
16th July, 1943.

The First Secretary,
The British Embassy,
Cairo.

No 2

With reference to a telegram No. 177 of 3rd July, of which a copy was sent to this Headquarters under cover of your note No. 166/29/43 of 7th July, I am directed to inform you that there is no objection to the return of French subjects and protected persons previously domiciled in Tripolitania provided that the frontier control measures concerted by the D.C.C.A.O. Tripolitania with the French Authorities are respected. It is suggested that the repatriation of these persons should be a matter for local arrangement between the authorities of Tunisia and Tripolitania.

2. It is presumed that the majority of the French subjects and protected persons concerned are normally domiciled in Tripolitania. Those who come from Cyrenaica cannot be repatriated overland through Tripolitania owing to lack of civil transport and they must therefore return by sea when this is possible. It is requested that the names of French subjects for repatriation to Cyrenaica may be reported to this Headquarters with particulars of address and occupation. The D.C.C.A.O. Cyrenaica will be asked to recommend in each case for or against the return of the person concerned.

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For Colonel
Chief Secretary.

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From: Foreign Office, London. D. 2245 16.7.43.

To: [redacted]esident Minister, Algiers. R. 0900 17.7.43.

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Resmin 1288 (16.7.43)

Addressed to Minister of State, Cairo, telegram 2254 July 16th, repeated to Resident Minister, Algiers.

High Commissioner for Refugees informs me that according to American Soviet Jewish distribution Board representative Algiers about 700 repeat 700 Jewish refugees of French nationality of whom 400 are lodged just outside Tunis and 300 in Algeria desire to return to their homes in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica from which they were expelled during enemy occupation.

2. I should be glad if you would report on the possibility of these people being allowed to return to their homes and resume their former occupations.

See No 6

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Classification

COORDINATING ROUTE SLIP
(Staff Minute Sheet)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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File No._____

Date Originated: 11 July 1943

SUBJECT Request for authority to return to homes in Tripoli - Civilians.

Number each memo or minute consecutively. Fill in each column, initial action, draw 1 line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.

Dispatched 11 JUL 1943 HQ NATOUSA

No.	Section of Origin	Pass To	Date	Has attached paper been coordinated with all concerned?
1.	AG Ex	Liaison Sec	11 July	Necessary action. DAB E.C.B. A.A.G.
2.	TO: Br. Resident Minister, Civil Affairs Bldg.	From: Liaison Sec. AFHQ	21/7	Necessary action JCH.

See 139. Khendela appears to be in Algeria but there must nonetheless be no objection to their return to Tripoli. See draft on No. 137.

JVI Adams
July 26th.
JVIA

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AFHQ Form No. 3 (Revised)

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Legislation Dept
Neo Protection

Sir,

I have the honor to expose to you the following facts:

We are 5 families, which in all we make 25 people, and we were obliged to leave Tripoli by order of the Italian authorities. It was because we are French.

By doing this we were obliged to leave all of our belongings, and homes and we came to Algieria where we now are, as refugees.

The city of Tripoli now being occupied by the Allied authorities, we come to you to ask you to authorize us to return to the city. We wrote to the General Commanding the Division in Constantine, and this General asked us to go to you. Here is a copy of his letter.

We want you to know, Sir that we are suffering from these circumstances and that we want to get back as soon as possible.

We want to thank you in advance for what you are going to do for us.

Regina Nauori

Families:

ERREBIB Sion	9 people
MISSA ADAD Vve. Hadjadj	5 people
NAOURI Hamousse	3 people
KAHLOUNE Vve. NAOURI	5 people
BARAINES Kheiria	3 people

From: General P.J. ANDRE, Commanding the Ground Forces

To : Monsieur ERRABIB Syon, chez Monsieur Stora Alexandre.

In answer to your letter written 14 June, I have the honor to inform you that I cannot give you satisfaction to your request.

I advise you to see the Allied authorities, for they are the only ones who can authorize you to regain Tripoli.

Please belive, Sir, in my consideration.

signed: Laloux

Khenchela, le 5 Juillet 1943 .

Monsieur le GENERAL EISENHOWER
Commandant en Chef les Troupes Alliées en
Afrique du Nord
ALGER

Monsieur le GENERAL ,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous exposer les faits suivants :

Au nombre de cinq familles composées de 25 personnes , nous nous sommes trouvés dans l'obligation de quitter la Ville de TRIPOLI sur l'ordre des Autorités Italiennes . La raison de cette évacuation est que nous sommes tous des sujets Français .

Nous avons de ce fait abandonnés nos biens meubles et immeubles et nous avons rejoints l'Algérie où nous sommes actuellemnt en qualité de refugiés .

La Ville de TRIPOLI étant occupée aujourd'hui par les Autorités Alliées, nous venons vous prier respectueusemnt de bien vouloir nous autoriser à rejoindre cette ville . Nous avons écrit à Monsieur le GENERAL Commandant la Division de Constantine , ce GENERAL nous prie de nous adresser à vous Ci-joint une copie .

Nous ajoutons Monsieur le GENERAL, que nous souffrons de cette situation et ils nous tardent de rejoindre nos résidences respectives .

Avec nos remerciements anticipés, veuillez agreer Monsieur le GENERAL, l'assurance de notre haute considération

Régina Naouri

Famille ERREBIB Sion	9 personnes
famille Missa ADAD Vve Hadjadj	5 personnes
Famille Hamousse NAOURI	3 personnes
Famille KAHLOUNE Vve NAOURI	5 personnes
Famille Kheiria BARANES	3 personnes

Prière adresser la correspondance à Madame Régina NAOURI
Chez Monsieur Alexandre STORA à KHENCHELA

Xème Région

Division Territoriale
de Constantine

Etat-Major - S.M.

N° 3.742 / SM

Copie

Constantine le 26 Juin 1943 .

Le Général P.J.ANDRE CDT la Division Territoriale .

A Monsieur ERRABIB Syon Chez Monsieur STORA Alexandre
Rue Jérome Bertagna
Khenchela

En réponse à votre lettre du 14 Juin dernier, j'ai l'honneur de vous informer que je ne puis vous faire obtenir satisfaction à votre demande .

Je vous conseille de vous adresser aux Autorités Alliées qui seules peuvent vous autoriser à rejoindre TRIPOLI .

Croyez Monsieur à ma considération .

P.O.le Lt Colonel L A L O U X
Chef d'Etat Major

signé : LALOUX

Certifié copie conforme
à l'original.
Khenchela le 6 Juillet 1943
Le Commissaire de Police

Cypher

MINISTER RESIDENT'S COPY

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

From: Resident Minister, Algiers. 1005 3.7.43.

To: Minister of State, Cairo.

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Resmin 177 (3.7.43)

Repeated Saving Foreign Office No. 7, and H.M. Consul-General, Tunis, No. 2.

Commissariat for Foreign Affairs state that there are in Tunisia about 1,000 French subjects and protected persons who were expelled from their homes in Lybia by the Italians in July and August, 1942. Commissariat would like to meet the wishes of those who request to be returned to their homes. The Commissariat are ready to supply full particulars of the individuals and their domiciles.

2. I shall be grateful if you will let me know what to reply.

Ref. No 1

See No 5

COMITE FRANCAIS DE LA LIBERATION NATIONALE

~~COMMANDEMENT EN CHEF FRANÇAIS~~
~~CIVIL ET MILITAIRE~~

~~SECRETARIAT~~
~~DES RELATIONS EXTÉRIEURES~~
Commissariat
aux Affaires Etrangères

N° 3685/AE

TS/EC

Alger, le 24 Juin 1943

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de signaler à l'attention de M. MACMILLAN les faits suivants:

Aux mois de Juillet et Août 1942, le Gouvernement italien a procédé à l'expulsion de 2.500 sujets et protégés français domiciliés en Lybie, sous prétexte d'alléger les charges de ravitaillement de cette colonie. Ces réfugiés passèrent la frontière tuniso-lybienne dans des conditions précaires, sans bagages et sans argent; ils demandent aujourd'hui avec insistance à regagner leur domicile et leur famille restée en Lybie, les autorités italiennes surprises par l'offensive britannique n'ayant pas eu le temps de procéder à l'évacuation de tous nos ressortissants.

Il serait éminemment souhaitable, pour des raisons d'humanité, de mettre fin, aussitôt que possible, à la situation pénible de ces réfugiés, et de permettre à ceux qui en feraient la demande de regagner leur famille et leurs foyers. Le nombre des intéressés s'élèverait à un millier de personnes environ.

Le Commissaire aux Affaires Etrangères serait reconnaissant à M. MACMILLAN de bien vouloir intervenir auprès des autorités britanniques compétentes pour qu'elles autorisent ce mouvement. Toutes justifications d'identité et de domicile seraient évidemment fournies par les autorités françaises.

M. MASSIGLI saisit cette occasion d'exprimer à M. MACMILLAN l'assurance de sa haute considération./.

Le Très Honorable Harold MACMILLAN M.P.
.P. Ministre résident du
Gouvernement Britannique
5 rue Professeur Curtillet
A L G E R

Draft telegram to Cairo.

No 2

JMAdams
July 2nd.

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Refugees from Tripolitania and Cyrenaica. June 24-December 18, 1943. MS Refugee Files from the Records of the Foreign Office, 1938-1950 FO 660/98. The National Archives (Kew, United Kingdom). Refugees, Relief, and Resettlement: Forced Migration and World War II, link.gale.com/apps/doc/DDEOKA544024671/RRRW?u=webdemo&sid=bookmark-RRRW&xid=68b6148f&pg=1. Accessed 18 Apr. 2022.